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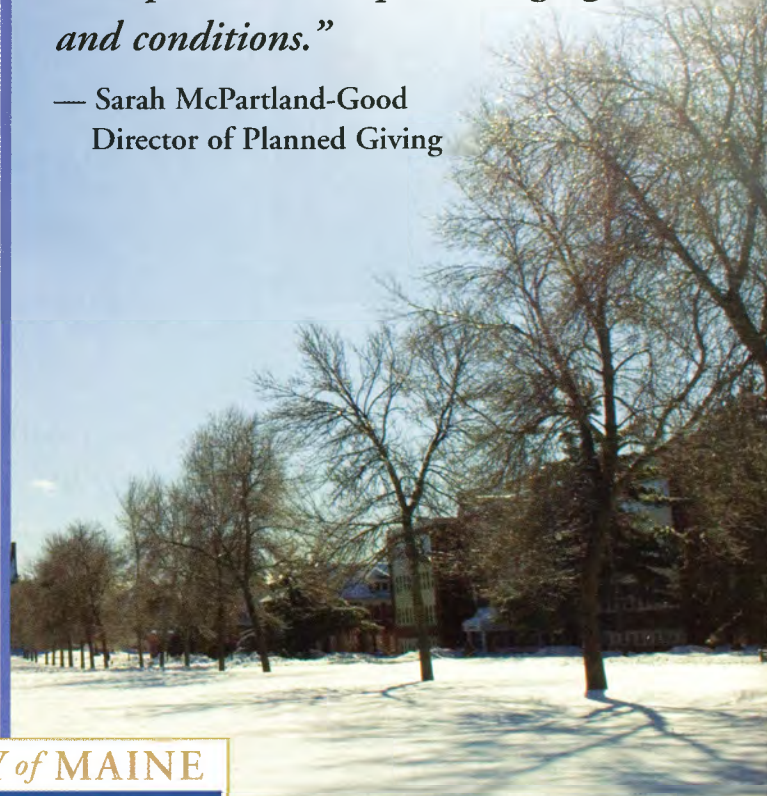
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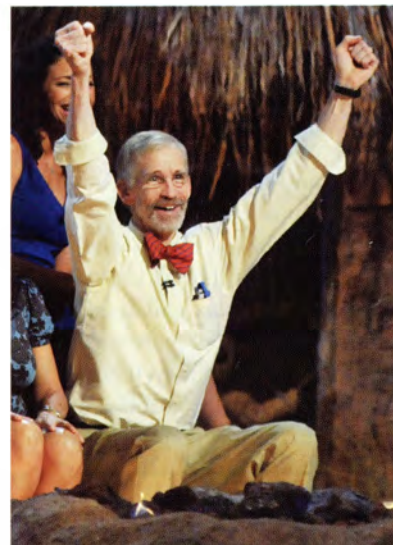
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UMaine president, Robert Kennedy, speaks at the dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King Memorial Plaza on October 31. (William Drake photo.)

A Place to Reflect on Diversity and Tolerance

The grand opening and dedication of the much-anticipated Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King Memorial Plaza took place on a bright, sunny, late-October day on the UMaine campus.

The granite and brick park, designed by Sasaki Associates and located beside the Memorial Union, features a series of quotes from the great civil rights leader that students, faculty, and visitors can reflect on and receive inspiration from.

Among the speakers at the dedication were philosophy professor Doug Allen, Bangor area NAACP president Joe Perry, dean of students Robert Dana '80, and UMaine president Robert Kennedy.

"We stand here today as a community committed to the ideals exemplified by Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King," Kennedy said. "We are saying loudly that intolerance and injustice have no place in our society."

UMaine's Online Courses Increasing in Popularity



An ever increasing number of UMaine students are choosing to take courses online. The trend has been growing for a decade, but according to director of distance education, Jim Toner '74G, '77 Ph.D., it has taken a major leap in the past year.

"Registration for this spring is up over 1,000 from last spring," Toner says. "That's over 4,000 students registered for online courses." Over 10 percent of student credit hours are now generated by online

courses. And the number of courses offered has jumped from 204 to 250 in just the past year.

Toner notes that commuting students are a major factor in the increase, but he adds that online learning is becoming more and more popular even for students living on campus.

"These options make it easier for students, especially if they have children or a job, to plan when they want to 'go to class.' It provides flexibility and convenience for students and faculty," Toner says.

UMaine Professor Earns Carnegie Foundation Honors

Ivan Fernandez '78G, '82 Ph.D., UMaine professor of soil science and cooperating professor of forest resources, was selected 2008 Maine Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Fernandez, who also earned his master's and doctoral degrees from UMaine, has served on the faculty since 1983. He is a

dedicated teacher and a prolific scholar whose record includes more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and a book. Federal agencies and private industry

have provided more than \$10 million in grant funding to support his research. He was selected as the 2007 Distinguished Maine Professor by the alumni association.

"If I were to list the top five faculty members at the University of Maine, Ivan would be among them in any category—undergraduate and graduate teaching, research, and public service," wrote Professor Stephen Norton in supporting Fernandez for the award. "He is the most balanced and highest-performing faculty member I have known in 39 years at UMaine."

"Professor Fernandez represents the best characteristics of the University of Maine," said Todd Saucier '93, '97G, president of the University of Maine Alumni Association, who nominated Fernandez for the award. "He's dedicated to his students, the state, and his alma mater."



Ivan Fernandez

Richard "Dick" Fox '68, '70G

Using Civil Engineering to Improve Conditions in the World

Dick Fox, who directed the successful Boston Harbor cleanup from 1987 to 1992, received the highest honor given by UMaine's College of Engineering, the Edward T. Bryand Engineering Award, at a ceremony on November 14. Fox is chief executive officer of CDM, a global engineering, construction, and operations firm based in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"I am particularly touched because this award is given by my alma mater, and in some sense, by my peers," Fox noted. "Also, I know many of the prior recipients, and so I'm aware of what a prestigious group I've joined, and that's touching too."

In addition to directing the Boston Harbor cleanup, one of the country's largest wastewater projects ever undertaken, he served as program manager of the up-



College of Engineering dean, Dana Humphrey, (left) presents the Edward T. Bryand Award to Dick Fox on November 14.

grade to the wastewater facilities system for Minneapolis/St. Paul, and as senior program advisor to the Hong Kong Drain-

age Services Department as part of the cleanup of Victoria Harbor.

Through all his accomplishments, Fox hasn't forgotten his roots. He credits his UMaine education for his highly successful career. In particular, he noted the influence of former UMaine engineering professors Miranda Ghosh, Otis Sproul '52, '57G, Frank Woodard '61, '63G, and Wayne Hall.

Fox wasn't just involved in academics during his student years at the university. He was also a member of the Black Bear football team that was invited to the Tangerine Bowl in 1965.

After 40 years in the engineering profession, Fox is still passionate about what engineering can do.

"Engineers do so much for people," he said. "Our mission is to make life better!"

Renovated Center for the Arts Opens

It's been quite a while since fans of the arts have been able to enjoy performances at the Hutchins Concert Hall or be enriched by visiting the impressive pre-Columbian collection at the Hudson Museum. But when the doors open for the first performance (*Sweeney Todd*—see story on page 10) on February 25 at the newly renovated Richard R. and Anne A. Collins Center for the Arts, you're likely to agree that it was worth the wait.

"The renovated facility is much more user-friendly for the public," says the center's associate director, Adele Adkins. "And the new spaces and services will allow for people to expand and enhance their evening out."

The center's most noticeable change is the new all-glass front facade which



Renovations nearing completion in early January.

provides an inviting and visually stimulating entrance to the center (above photo). Once inside, audiences will appreciate the two additional aisles in the Hutchins Concert Hall, making for much easier access to the seats. And people will appreciate the significant expansion of bathroom facilities, including a family restroom.

Additionally, there will be more recep-

tion areas, including a VIP lounge which will serve complimentary drinks and other refreshments at intermission, as well as before and after performances.

In September, the Collins Center will open a full café that will serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

September will also see the reopening of the renovated Hudson Museum, which will now be located entirely on the second level.

The center was renamed following the generous gift of \$5 million from UMaine graduates, Dick '59 and Anne Adams Collins '61. When funding allows, a second phase of the renovation project will include enhancements to the stage area that will allow the center to bring in larger, more sophisticated productions.

It's so efficient, a team of bicyclists can power it.

Maine's First Green Supercomputer

We all have witnessed the increase in speed and capability in computers over the years. Unfortunately, it has come at the expense of greater power consumption.

Large supercomputers are especially big energy consumers. But in an attempt to achieve more with fewer resources, the UMaine computer science department recently teamed up with SiCortex of Maynard, Massachusetts, to unveil the first green supercomputer in Maine.

To demonstrate just how efficient the university's new supercomputer is, the computer science department recruited some members of the UMaine cycling club to power the system riding stationary bikes.

In most cases, a single processor uses



UMaine cycling club members power the university's green supercomputer on October 15.

100 watts of power. In the SiCortex machine, a processor uses only a half-watt of power.

The university was able to acquire the supercomputer because of funding obtained by computer science assistant professor Phillip Dickens.

"Beyond being an innovator in green computing, the University of Maine is at

the head of the class in recognizing the future of computing and preparing its students for leadership," said James Bailey of SiCortex. "Professor Dickens is paving the way for students and faculty at UMaine to both advance the state of computer science and achieve more results using less power."

Popular Student Recreation and Fitness Center Earns Another Award

The UMaine Student Recreation and Fitness Center was one of 10 new building projects throughout the United States and Canada to receive a prestigious 2008 Athletic Business Facility of Merit Award from *Athletic Business* magazine. The award, which was accepted in San Antonio on December 5, is the seventh major design award received for the facility since it opened in August 2007.

"Of all the awards we've received, this is perhaps the pinnacle," says Kenda Scheele, senior associate dean of students. "It puts us at a top national level. It really pushed the University of Maine out on the national stage."

In addition to the awards, the center received the internationally recognized LEED (Leadership in Energy and Envi-



ronmental Design) Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. That makes it one of the few silver-certified fitness centers in the United States.

One of the most advanced recreation and fitness centers north of Boston, the UMaine facility has enjoyed huge popularity among students, faculty, and community members.

The old fitness facility in the Memorial Gym drew about 2,000 people a week. The new facility draws close to that number of people per day.

"The number of people who are engaged in physical activities is just going through the roof," said campus recreation director, Jeff Hunt.

Dean of students, Robert Dana '80, says the new facility has transformed student life on campus.

"I'm delighted to report that the impact, far greater than we predicted, has been transformative," he said. "The utilization is remarkable and day after day we hear students tell us, 'this is central to my UMaine experience—I feel welcomed here and this place is the best.'"

Budget woes will foster “transformational change”

Toward a Sustainable UM System

The world economic downturn is having a big impact on higher education throughout the country, and the University of Maine System (UMS) is not exempt. State funding is being reduced, endowment returns are way down, and there is concern that the cost of college in a tough economy could lead to a decline in enrollment.

Additional factors have also been challenging the financial well-being of the UMS.

Chancellor Richard Pattenau de recently listed three primary reasons why the System finds itself in a difficult position, despite significant efforts at reducing operational costs in recent years. Those are:

- Increases in the cost of energy and healthcare.
- A decline in the number of high school graduates—a trend which will continue for several more years.
- State economic struggles that have hindered its financial support for higher education.

“The trustees, presidents, and I believe that in light of these factors, our current manner of operation is not financially sustainable over the long run,” Pattenau de wrote in a memo to UMS faculty and staff. “We are committed to developing a new operating model, one that will provide and sustain high quality, affordable, and accessible academic programs and support services.”

In January, Pattenau de proposed to the System trustees a six-month process that would produce “transformational change” and lead to sustainability.

“Incremental cost-cutting . . . will not do enough to attain financial sustainability,” he said.

The proposal Pattenau de presented to the trustees focused on administrative, academic, and structural changes, as well as revenue growth.

He asked for the creation of a 12-



Chancellor Richard Pattenau de

“... our current manner of operation is not financially sustainable over the long run.”

member task force to review possible structural and organizational changes in the UMS. It would ultimately make recommendations on the size and role of the chancellor’s office; the structure, funding, and oversight of common functions that serve all the campuses; and funding levels, missions, and relationships among the seven campuses. The task force recommendations will be presented to the chancellor in June. He, in turn, will submit a final report to the trustees in July.

The chancellor said that the process should be viewed as an opportunity to build a stronger UM System.

In terms of the immediate budget situation, the System is dealing with an \$8.3 million cut in state funding for the current fiscal year. The UMaine campus was called upon to absorb \$5.3 million of the UMS

cuts. The governor has called for a reduction of 2.7 percent for UMS in FY2010.

In spite of such a significant budget cut in the middle of the fiscal year, UMaine president, Robert Kennedy, says that his university is in a better position than many of the other campuses.

“We have the good fortune of having started the year with a balanced budget and a very good enrollment,” he explained. “So we were able to meet the \$5.3 million in cuts. But we are being very cautious, not knowing if there will be further cuts this year and exactly what will happen in 2010.”

So far, UMaine has been able to avoid layoffs, but it has imposed a stringent hiring process for vacant positions. It’s also limited spending for travel, overtime, meals, and equipment, and has expanded energy conservation measures.

In terms of any possible tuition increases, Kennedy says that the UMS leaders need to consider just what students can afford, especially with the potential decrease in scholarship money. The UMS trustees have discussed capping any tuition increases at six percent.

But he believes that UMaine will be able to sustain its enrollment level.

“We are in a better position than many other schools that have much higher tuition,” Kennedy says. “We’re a very good value and that will help us in this economy, especially in attracting out-of-state students.”

Kennedy says the transformational changes that the chancellor is proposing could ultimately have a positive impact on the UMaine campus.

“We probably play a larger role in regards to opportunities for economic development than any other Maine institution,” he said. “We need to invest in ways that can turn the economy around, and I hope the legislature and the trustees are thinking about the unique role UMaine plays in economic development.”

Down the Garden Path

Senior Meghan McPhee says that becoming a landscape horticulture major was one of the best moves she's ever made.

Meghan McPhee of Boothbay, Maine, graduated from high school in 2000 with a plan to study theater in college as preparation for an acting career. But when she moved to Kentucky for a short time and grew rosebushes as a hobby, fond childhood memories of time spent outside with her grandmother came rushing back.

"(Changing majors) was probably one



of the best moves I've ever made in my life," says McPhee, who will graduate in May with a degree in landscape horticulture from the University of Maine. "UMaine

has definitely given me a lot of opportunities and a lot of exposure that I never would have had. (The department) has allowed me to move forward with a dream."

The 27-year-old, who is president of the UMaine Horticulture Club and the campus chapter of PLANET, recently was one of eight student ambassadors from across the country selected to attend this year's Green Industry Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

The three-day conference was hosted by PLANET, an international association of lawn care professionals, landscape management contractors, designers, and builders, and interior plantscapers. The organization has about 4,000 member firms.

At the conference, McPhee and the other student ambassadors helped with event logistics and participated in a networking session with industry leaders.


"It was like speed dating, but for jobs," she says. "I met some great companies for some possible jobs down the road."

After graduation, McPhee hopes to find a job with a landscape design company on the East Coast where she can focus on residential design, which she describes as interior design for the outside.

"You're extending the inside living space outside," McPhee says. "You're not as restricted. It's more creative and your clients are willing to listen and are usually very flexible."

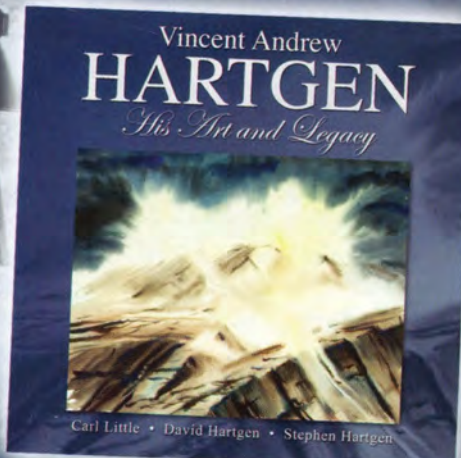
While interning last summer with Leahy Landscaping on the north shore of Massachusetts, McPhee had a chance to work on her favorite type of design project—a Cape Cod with a relatively free-flowing landscape design that reminded her of home. The style typically incorporates a lot of tall grasses that move and swish like waves. Plant material features shades of pink, purple, and blue.

"The color palette is kind of that muted Impressionist Monet," McPhee says. "It gives you that hazy, Sunday-morning-coast-in-Maine feeling."



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Razor Sharp

That's what critics are saying about the performance by Merritt David Janes '04 in the national tour of *Sweeney Todd*, coming to UMaine's newly renovated Collins Center for the Arts on February 25.

By Jennifer Hoyt Huerth '01, '03G



When Merritt David Janes '04 found himself undecided about what he wanted to major in at the University of Maine, be it music education or performance, he was advised to "pick something and stick to it." The problem was that he wanted to do everything. Now, in the national tour of *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, his diverse pursuits are paying off—he actually does just about everything.

The production will come to the beautiful, newly renovated Collins Center for the Arts (formerly Maine Center for the Arts) on the UMaine campus on February 25.

In the show, Janes portrays the vengeful and murderous Todd (played by Johnny

Depp in Tim Burton's 2007 film version), a barber who is seeking revenge on the man he believes to be responsible for the "death" of his wife. The darkly comedic role is a dramatic departure from Janes' first major stage experience as Robbie Hart in *The Wedding Singer*.

"As an actor, I enjoyed *The Wedding Singer*. It was a fun and entertaining show," Janes reminisces. "But *Sweeney Todd* is so much more intense. It forces you to go through every emotional state of mind. From style to music, it is the complete flipside of the coin."

The story and the music reprise Stephen Sondheim's original 1979 Broadway show, but that is where the similarities end. This version, by British director John Doyle,

takes place in a London insane asylum. "It's an amazingly artistic show," Janes remarks enthusiastically. "Most of the actors play two to three instruments in addition to acting and singing." (Janes plays both the guitar and the trumpet.)

The musical opens with a man in a straightjacket on a stage with very few props. After a few moments, the other actors emerge and begin playing a "creepy but energetic" ballad.

"Most of the show is a flashback of that character—the series of events that brought him to the asylum," Janes says. "But you are left with so many questions. Did it really happen? Was it all a delusion?" He says that the most unique part of the show is the fact that the audience is left to answer

those questions for themselves. "They have to make their own choices and come to their own conclusions. Everyone comes away with their own story to tell because everyone's theater experience is always a little bit different."

Janes says that it is the "theater experience" that inspired him to become an actor in the first place. "One of my Circle in the Square teachers always told us that the theater experience is the thing that allows you to step inside a different world, a world created by that particular show," he says. "My experience began with my grandfathers who were both great storytellers. Their stories inspired me to imagine new places and things." Janes believes that theater is like storytelling in that it gives people the opportunity to exchange the daily grind of their lives for a brief journey to another place and time.

"I have always wanted to give people the same great experience I had growing up," he says. So far, he has been pretty successful in doing so.

But Janes doesn't take his success for granted. "I'm lucky to get paid to do what I love and have the opportunity to go out and see the country," he exclaims. "I've been to Europe, but until now, I have never seen the U.S. It's a really cool thing to be able to do."

He says that while the endless chain of airports, McDonalds, and malls can be daunting at times, he is always uplifted by the unique traits of every town and city they pass through. "It's truly amazing because every theater we perform in has its own unique culture and character, and every audience is different," Janes says. "In the southern states, the audiences are very energetic, in the Midwest, they are appreciative, and in Texas, it's all about southern hospitality!"

But Janes admits that the extensive travel can be tiring at times. "We are on a plane one day and then on a bus the next," he says. "Sometimes we move every couple of days and sometimes we go to a different city each night. It's exhausting and the logistics don't always make sense."

Janes did get a well-deserved break over

the holidays, which he spent with family in his hometown of Colchester, Vermont. But he was back on the road on January 5 for a leg of the tour that will bring him close to the people and places he is familiar with.

"I am so excited to come back to Maine!" he exclaims. "When I left a few years ago, I was bummed to say goodbye to the Maine Center for the Arts, but I always knew I would be back. It will be wonderful to be able to perform at the newly renovated arts center and return to a stage that I have been performing on since I was in the sixth grade."



"As an actor, I enjoyed *The Wedding Singer*. It was a fun and entertaining show. But *Sweeney Todd* is so much more intense."

Janes credits a great deal of his success to his time at the University of Maine. "I am where I am today because of the great music program at UMaine," he says. "The teachers helped me get through all of my musical challenges."

He attended the Maine Summer Youth Music Camp where he met UMaine professor Chip Farnham, whom he calls "inspiring." He then continued as an undergraduate student in the music education

program. Joining the Maine Steiners and other musical groups revealed his great fondness for performing, and over the years Janes worked extensively with UMaine professor Dennis Cox (whom he calls his mentor) in vocal performance. He also credits Karel Lidral, Ginger Hwalek, Josh Whitehouse '97G, and Phillip Silver as being influential in his career success. "No matter what, there are always reasons not to do something," Janes says. "My insecure side used to say that I couldn't make it, that I shouldn't try. Without the teachers at UMaine, I might not have."

Their inspiration brings out the teacher in him at times too. "I still like to exercise my teaching muscles," he jokes. "Sometimes when we perform at a university, they will host a Q & A session where I get to work with students to help them identify with their own careers—some of whom are very early in the process. I enjoy that part a lot." Upon a comparison to "Inside the Actor's Studio," Janes laughs and says, "That show features A-List actors, those you would call stars. I am on the Z-List, I call myself an asteroid!"

These days, Janes is certainly climbing the alphabetical ranks, as reviews for *Sweeney Todd* have been very positive. "The critics love this show!" he says happily. "Quotable, nice comments are great. Reviews for *The Wedding Singer* were not as good, which was difficult at times." But Janes tries to remember to keep it all in perspective. "I always try to remind myself why I am doing this," he says. "There will always be people who love it, and there will always be a percentage of people who don't. But I do it because I love it. I can't imagine doing anything else."

Janes also can't imagine a better part than the one he plays in *Sweeney Todd*, which he will be sad to see come to a close this April (unless its run is extended). When asked what he plans to do next, he says that as an actor, he is among the many famous procrastinators who have no idea what the future holds! For now he is enjoying a role he calls, "incredibly versatile and challenging." He says, "It allows me to do everything I have ever wanted to do."

UMaine Women's Ice Hockey: It's Come a Long Way Since 1979

From its early struggles to become a club sport to its emergence on the national scene as a Division I team, UMaine's former and current players find a common bond.

It would be an understatement to say that women's ice hockey at the University of Maine had a rather humble start. In 1979, a few years after the opening of the Alfond Arena, someone posted a notice around campus inviting female students interested in the sport to a meeting. Some 10 or 12 enthusiastic students showed up and decided to get the ball rolling toward developing a team.

There were a few challenges. They had no money for ice time, equipment, or uniforms. They didn't have a coach. And a number of the women had never even played hockey.

"Some of the girls, mostly the ones from Massachusetts, had played youth hockey, but most of us Mainers had never had an opportunity to play the game," remembers Barbara Woodstock Logue '83, '99G, one of the organizers of that first team. "To be honest, some of us weren't even very good skaters when we started. There was a lot of learning that went on that first year—oh yeah."

Learning meant getting ice time at the Alfond, and that took money. Logue and her teammates sold cookies from a local bakery in the dormitories in an effort to raise some funds.

"In the very beginning, we had to pay for everything ourselves," says Alicia Johnson Nichols '82, another original organizer of the team.

Next, the women were able to find a volunteer coach—fellow UMaine student Mike Vigue '82, who had

skated for a couple of years on the Black Bear hockey team. Mike, in turn, recruited a few of his fraternity brothers to help out, including Richard "Gidge" Veilleux '82 as his assistant.

Finally it came time to actually get out on the ice, develop some skills, and start coming together as a team. That meant getting up in the wee small hours, in the cold and dark, and walking (with equipment), across campus to the Alfond. There were no locker rooms, showers, or training facilities for this dedicated group—just ar-

rive in whatever you had for skating clothes and get out on the ice.

"Mike (Vigue) was a good teacher," Logue says. "And we made progress as a team. Those are really my fondest memories. We worked hard, but we also had fun and a lot of laughs as we were trying to learn to play the game."

That first year, there was little actual game competition and really no money for travel to play other teams.

Logue and others approached UMaine president Howard Neville to seek free ice time, which was eventually granted. They also made their case to the Student Senate and were granted a small amount of the student activity funds.

Then came club status and trips to play teams at Bowdoin, Colby, and even in New Brunswick.

Nichols remembers one of the turning points in the fledgling program coming in the 1980-81 season when several of the players made a return trip to see President Neville.

"This time we decided to play a bit of hardball and bring up the whole issue of Title 9," remembers Nichols. Apparently it had some effect—the president agreed to fund uniforms for the team.

"I think the greatest thing about it all was that we did it on our own," Nichols adds. "We didn't give up."

University of Maine women's hockey continued to grow after Logue, Nichols, and the other original team members graduated and in 1997 the sport was granted varsity status.



Alicia Nichols '82 (center), a member of the original UMaine women's hockey club team, with current players Dawn Sullivan (left) and Amy Stech. (William Drake photo.)



And when some of those early ice hockey players returned last April for an alumni weekend they could hardly believe just how far the sport had come.

First, is the level of play that comes with Division 1 competition as opposed to a club sport. Almost all of today's team members have been playing hockey since they were four or five years old and they participate in year-round conditioning programs. One recent player, Raffi Wolf '03, skated for the German Olympic team. Another, Stacey Livingston '95, was the head referee in the women's gold medal game at the 2002 Winter Olympics. A number of other ice hockey alumnae have gone to play pro hockey in Europe and Canada.

Then there are the facilities. The team has its own modern locker rooms at the Alfond and they share state-of-the-art workout facilities with the men's team.

But while there is no longer a need to sell cookies to pay for ice time or lobby the university president for status, the program's strength and success still depend on support from alumni and friends of the program.

"It's really amazing that it went from, well us, to what it is today," Logue says. "And it makes me feel good that we were kind of the pioneers of what this program has become." Alicia Nichols agrees.

"We consider ourselves the founding mothers of the program," she says. "And I'm so proud of how far that program has come. I want more former players to come back and see what their groundwork produced."

Toward that end, Nichols was thrilled that UMaine coach Dan Lichterman didn't hesitate to reach out to all the women who had played UMaine hockey as a club sport.

"For the head coach to include us and say, 'you are part of this family'—well, it was very, very meaningful," Nichols says.

Lichterman says the idea really started when a former player, Judy Perry '95,

Above: Former Black Bear players and members of the 2008 team get together after last April's alumni game.

stopped by his office with photos and programs from her years on the team.

"It got us thinking that we really needed to get in contact with all the women who have been part of the program," he says.

Last April's alumni day, which included an alumni game and an end-of-season banquet, was the first of what is being planned as an annual event.

Nichols wants to do even more. She is currently working with the UMaine Alumni Association on making women's ice hockey an official Alumni Interest Group.

"The alumni association has been really helpful in getting in touch with our former players (about 140)," Nichols says. "I've started to network with them, and so far the feedback has been outstanding. I'm thrilled."

Nichols says there is a real bond between the generations of hockey players, noting that members of the current team are her daughter's age (she's a UMaine senior).

"There is a wonderful connection and I know I feel enormous pride in being part of the program."

Black Bear Women's Ice Hockey Alumni

(Club or Varsity)

Join us on Alumni Day, April 4, 2009, for a fun hockey game with former and current players followed by an evening banquet.

Contact Alicia Nichols '83 at:
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SOLE SURVIVOR

EVEN IN ALL-OUT, NO-HOLES-BARRED COMPETITION, NICE GUYS CAN FINISH ON TOP.

That was certainly the case with the 2008 season of CBS's popular TV show "Survivor," won by UMaine forestry graduate Bob Crowley '76. Crowley was called one of the most likable winners in the show's 17-season history by host Jeff Probst—and a flood of viewer emails backed up his opinion. In fact, in addition to the \$1 million top prize, Crowley earned an extra \$100,000 for being the viewers' favorite contestant.

Ironically, Crowley's "nice guy" qualities almost kept him off the show.

"I flunked out of the first interview," he told one television news anchor. "They asked me, 'How are

you at being deceitful?" I told them I wasn't good at it and I wouldn't do it."

He thought that was the end of it, but some time later received a call back and a second interview. This time, apparently, the "Survivor" folks realized what Crowley could bring to the series.

Not only was Crowley perhaps the nicest contestant to ever win "Survivor," at 57 he was also the oldest. But in the end, the very fit Gorham High School physics teacher had more than enough agility and endurance to beat 17 other younger contestants, including an Olympic gold medalist and a personal trainer.

Of course, Crowley's personality, resourcefulness, and highly developed outdoor skills also played a big role in his victory.

In fact, on CBS's web site, Crowley describes himself as a hybrid of Indiana Jones and Robinson Crusoe—someone who loves the outdoors and is always ready for the next adventure.

And his resumé backs up that description. His summer jobs have ranged from being first mate on a research boat for the Smithsonian Institution in Canada to an entomologist for the USDA, to a skunk relocater. He's also served as president, vice president, and chief negotiator for his local teachers union.

His resourcefulness is reflected in the "green" cabin he built (before "green" became the trend) using only recycled materials and requiring only a fraction of the energy of the average home. He's also built wharves, saunas, a chicken house, and a hunting cabin from recycled materials.

As far as the "Survivor" competition, held in the West African country of Gabon, Crowley's strategy from the onset was "to fly under the radar."

At one point he won an impressive five challenges in a row. But later on he came close to being voted off the show.

It was at that point that he drew on his

Opposite page photo: Bob Crowley raises his hands in triumph as the announcement of the "Survivor" winner is made. Copyright: CBS ©2008 CBS Broadcasting Inc. All rights reserved.



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best instincts and his work ethic. Sensing that he might be faced with a tie situation from the tribal council voting, and that the tie-breaking competition might include making fire, Crowley spent time practicing his fire-making skills.

It paid off. He turned out to be right about the tie-breaker and he beat his opponent in the fire-making to stay for another round of the series.

At the final tribal council (made up of seven contestants previously voted off the show) to select the sole survivor, the three finalists pleaded their case.

"I played with gusto, with my heart," Crowley told the council. "I've played hard. My game strategy was to come in here and use my personality and my survival skills to make my life and your lives better . . . I don't think I outwitted you. I don't think I outplayed you. The only thing I did was outlast you."

In the end, the tribal council voted four to three for Bob Crowley.

Of course he didn't know he was the winner for some time. There was a wait between the end of the Gabon experience and the announcement of the winner in mid-December in Los Angeles. During that time Crowley returned to his teaching duties in Gorham.

Then, with the announcement of the sole survivor on December 14, Crowley's life was turned upside down. Not only was he wealthier, he was a celebrity.

In the following days he was shuffled from New York City to Los Angeles for TV appearances and media interviews.

"If you had told me last February that I would be getting out of a limousine in New York City and people would be running up to me and asking me for an autograph, I would have thought you were on crack," he told one online interviewer.

As things begin to settle down, Crowley isn't sure how the experience and the money will affect his life. His only real plan right now is to take his wife, Peggy Page Crowley '73, back to Gabon to experience that country as a tourist.

After 28 years of marriage, he noted that they never had been on a real honeymoon.

He also plans on using his celebrity status to help the Red Cross with their blood collections.

"What I thought I'd do is go to blood collection sites and sign autographs for people who have given blood," he said.

Looking back, Crowley said it was hard to find a downside to the whole "Survivor" experience.

"It was a great opportunity to go on an exciting, incredible adventure," he said.

And for a nice guy like Bob Crowley, the only hard part was observing all the nasty behavior among the contestants. He noted that he actually liked all the contestants on the show and often found it difficult to watch their unfriendly behavior toward each other.

"The back-stabbing, lying, deceitfulness part was the toughest for me," he said in a TV interview, "but otherwise, I enjoyed most everything about it."

At Home in the House

After receiving her degree in U.S. history from UMaine, Alison Sucy '94 went on to earn a law degree. But she knew she didn't want to pursue a career as an attorney. A knock on the door in 1998 got her involved in Maine politics. Now she serves as the highly valued Chief of Staff of the House Minority Office in Augusta.

By Jim Frick

Photo by William Drake

It was early fall, 1998. Alison Sucus '94 had just recently received her law degree from Washington and Lee, one of the nation's top law schools. Having made a decision that practicing law was not for her, she was staying with her parents back in Bangor, exploring career options.

As you would expect from a concerned parent, Sucus's mother was strongly encouraging her daughter to be more assertive—to get out in the world and actively look for a job that she would like.

"She told me that no one was going to come knocking on the front door to offer me a job," Sucus remembers.

But as it turns out, that's exactly what happened.

Sucus was at home in the middle of the day, when Will Farnham '59 knocked on the Sucus' door.

"He was campaigning for a Maine House seat," she says. "We talked for a while, and I happened to tell him that I had just graduated from law school and that I was thinking about what kind of work I wanted to do."

Just hours later Farnham called Sucus back and offered her a job as a field coordinator for the Republican House campaigns in the Bangor area.

"I had a good laugh with my mother about that," Sucus says with a smile.

Sucus took the job and began what is now a ten-plus-year career in the Maine political arena.

The pay was low and the hours were long, but Sucus has no regrets about her decision.

"I really enjoyed the campaign work," she says, "even though, when I started, I had no idea what I was doing."

Obviously, Sucus did a lot right, because following the 1998 campaign, she was recruited as a legislative aid, working directly for the Maine House Republican leadership. She was assigned to work with the appropriations committee, with responsibility to follow the budget process. Then in early 2001, she was elevated to the position of chief of staff for the House Minority Office. Her intelligence, skills, hard work,

and cooperative spirit have kept her in the job through several changes in leadership.

She currently serves under House Minority leader Joshua Tardy '90, who Sucus says is "fantastic to work with" and who has allowed her to expand and develop her role as chief of staff.

Minority Leader Tardy also has high praise for Sucus.

"She understands, in a very substantive way, the political process in Augusta," Tardy says. "Because of that understanding of the legislative process and her experience in policy analysis, she is someone Republican leaders really rely on."

Tardy adds that Sucus is also a "great manager" who expects productivity and accountability but whose approach to management "always keeps morale in the office at a high level."

Although she primarily works for the minority party leadership, her job includes interaction with all Republican members of the House as well as with the House Speaker and the Majority Leader. She also works with the governor's staff, lobbyists, and oversees a staff of eight.

"One of the best things about my job is that I have the opportunity to work with so many people with different backgrounds from all parts of the state," Sucus says. "In what other position would you get to work with lawyers, doctors, teachers, farmers, fishermen, and small business owners? These representatives sacrifice family time and they sacrifice financially."

Sucus notes that her job is also made more enjoyable because of the nature of Maine politics.

"I think it's fair to say that politics in Maine are less partisan than in many other places," Sucus says. "I think that's partly because politics here are more personal and accessible—and the fact that elections don't involve the huge amounts of money you see in other state legislative races."

Sucus believes there is a genuine willingness from legislators to try to work together and to act civilly.

That cooperative spirit will be put to the test in the current legislative session with the state facing a huge budget shortfall.

"One of the first things we'll be working on is a supplemental budget," Sucus says. "The state is required to have a balanced budget and we are out of balance. There will be disagreement, but I think we will start out with a cooperative spirit."

Being directly involved in all the problems facing the state of Maine can be stressful. To unwind, Sucus drives to Orono for all Maine hockey home games to cheer on the Black Bears.

Her interest in Black Bear hockey dates back to her teenage years, when her family had season tickets to the Alfond and the UMaine program was on the rise under coach Shawn Walsh. Her interest only grew when she was an undergraduate. Now she has her own season tickets and an office decorated with Black Bear souvenirs.

Hockey was only part of what she says was a very positive experience at UMaine.

"I transferred to UMaine in my sophomore year from a private school," she explains. "Within a few weeks I knew it was the right school for me. I loved my years at the university. I had great professors who were very accessible. I received a quality education that allowed me to go on to a top-20 law school."

As Sucus often notes, she serves in her job at the pleasure of the party leadership. That leadership can change often, so she doesn't look too far into the future in terms of her career.

What Sucus really looks forward to is the possibility of being chief of staff for the Republican party as a majority party, something that hasn't occurred in her tenure—in fact not for the past 37 years.

"As for politics," she says, "I really don't have ambitions to run for any office." But she adds that she wouldn't completely rule out running for a Maine House seat at some point down the road.

"It would be interesting to be in that role after working in this job, behind the scenes, for all these years."

But all that will have to wait. For now, Sucus is more than happy in her busy role at the State House. And she's very glad that Will Farnham came knocking on her door on that fall day in 1998.

Alumni News and Events



Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine president, Joanne Bodwell Ferreira '73, with Outstanding Alumni Award recipient Bill Currie '52.

Bill Currie '52 Honored by Southern Maine Chapter

Class of 1952 member Bill Currie of Yarmouth is the 2008 recipient of the Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine's Outstanding Alumni Award. The award was presented by chapter president, Joanne Bodwell Ferreira '73, at the group's annual meeting in Portland on October 16.

Bill, a retired senior consultant for DuPont, has been a tireless supporter and volunteer for his class, the alumni association, Senior Alumni, and the university.

He served as co-class agent for his 40th Reunion and co-chair for his 45th Reunion. He currently serves as the Class of '52 co-president.

Following his 50th Reunion, Bill became active in Senior Alumni and he served as that group's president. He is now the Senior Alumni fund committee chair.

Bill was also instrumental in reviving the UMaine alumni chapter in southern Maine and later served as the chapter's president.

Extra yearbooks available

The alumni association has extra yearbooks available from the years 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996, and 1997. The cost is \$15 per book to cover postage and handling. Order by calling 1-800-934-2586 or 207-581-1217.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter

Lunch and meeting at Granite Hill Estates—11:30 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Elaine Clark, associate vice president for administration and finance, discussing short and long-range campus development plans. RSVP to Lisa at the alumni association by calling 1-800-934-2586 ext. 1185 by February 9, 2009. Cost is \$10 per person.

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine

"After Hours" gathering with College of Engineering dean, Dana Humphrey—5 p.m.
University Credit Union, Brighton Avenue, Portland

Thursday, April 2, 2009

Portland Alumnae of the University of Maine

Potluck luncheon—12:00 noon

Masonic Hall, Route 1, Scarborough, Maine. Bring a dish to share! Hostesses: Donna Grant Rauschke '59—883-4378 and Joanne Owen Bingham '56—883-1059. All welcome!

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter

Lunch and meeting at Granite Hill Estates—11:30 a.m.

Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to the alumni association at 1-800-934-2586 ext. 1185 by April 13. Speaker will be from the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center.

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter

Social/Dinner—5:30 p.m. social, 6:00 p.m. dinner

Annual meeting and dinner at Augusta Country Club in Manchester. Guest speaker will be Dr. Robert A. Kennedy, president, University of Maine. More details to follow.

May 29-31, 2009

Reunion 2009 on the University of Maine campus—Classes of '44, '49, '54, '59, and '64

For more information on these and all alumni activities visit: mainealumni.org or call 207-581-ALUM.

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UMAA Staff Donations Help Local Food Banks

As part of their ongoing commitment to the community, employees of the alumni association raised money for local food banks by paying \$1 to wear jeans on Fridays, collecting donations at Homecoming, and participating in the Shaws Receipt Rewards Program. Donations of nearly \$500 benefited the food banks of Crossroads Ministries in Old Town, I Care Ministries in Millinocket, and the Good Shepherd Food-Bank.

UMAA employees also contributed 14 turkeys to Bangor radio station Z107.3's turkey drive. The alumni association matched the donations for a total of 28 turkeys.



Lobster Maine-ia Chefs at Work

New Jersey Alumni Chapter member Baron Hicken '63 (left), alumni association president Todd Saucier '93, '97G (center), and the University of Maine Foundation's Danny Williams '91, '94G help with the cooking at the 22nd annual Lobster Maine-ia at Rosedale Park in Hopewell, New Jersey, on September 21.



Emily Davis, daughter of Glen and Catherine Davis from Belgrade, Maine, is the winner of the alumni association's 2008 tuition raffle. Emily is a junior biology major. Her aspiration is to go to medical school. She is a graduate of Messalonskee High School and the oldest of three children.

As the raffle winner, Emily will receive one full year of free tuition at the university.

Call to 2009 Annual Meeting

The University of Maine General Alumni Association, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, May 31, 2009, at 10:45 a.m., at Buchanan Alumni House, immediately following the alumni awards breakfast.

Constitution and by-laws changes may be proposed. Please check mainealumni.org for details.



LowCountry Alumni Celebrate the Holidays

The newly organized Alumni of the LowCountry held a holiday dinner at the home of Laurie Baldwin Liscomb '61 in Hilton Head, South Carolina, in December. Left to right: Darah Hueglin Latourelle '73, Janet Ward '96, Dennis McGee '75, Laurie, Larry Schiner '61, '62G, Donna Fritz Brunstad '60, Lucy Levesque Scribner '71, and Bob Scribner '70. (Absent from the picture but in attendance was Bob Blake '62). Laurie co-hosted the dinner with Donna Brunstad.

Classnotes



Senior Alumni

**Senior Alumni Luncheon
May 30, 2009**

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When **Bill Currie '52**, my predecessor, asked me to do this column, I readily agreed, thinking news would just flow in. The grim reality is no one writes, and it's just the clipping service that keeps me alive, and that's not much.

Yes, we're aging and not making many headlines, but so many alums are still doing noteworthy things, and I'd like to relay their news to very interested readers.

Our wonderful UMaine has progressed over the years from a small land-grant college to a university competing with major educational institutions nationwide. I recently read that the Class of '49 (my class) entered at a record 975. Now the university's freshman class totals more than our total population of all classes! Wow!

I've always been proud of the education I received, and it's great to continually read of alums' achievements. A *Bangor Daily News* supplement in February 2008 honored the college of engineering alums' accomplishments.

Four graduates of the college of engineering were grandly recognized for their contributions to America's growth. **Frank Weymouth** (Class of 1896) was the chief engineer of the Colorado Aqueduct, the world's largest domestic system. It is considered one of the seven wonders of engineering.

The Hoover Dam was designed by **Francis Crowe** (Class of 1905), which was finished two years ahead of schedule!

George Freeman (Class of 1903) was the chief engineer for the San Francisco Bay Bridge. The layout for the World's Fair in New York was also planned by him and his firm.

The largest concrete structure in the U.S., the Grand Coulee Dam, was designed by **Frank Banks** (Class of 1906), and was a mile-long expanse twice as high as Niagara Falls. What fabulous accomplishments made by men with UMaine engineering degrees.

Although not engineering department grads, Harold Borns, a 50-year faculty member at UMaine, was the recipient of the Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award. **Win Robbins '32, '33G** was an entrepreneur in the sport of skiing for designing ski lifts.

Dr. Borns is now professor emeritus of glacial and quaternary geology, and he founded the Climate Change Institute at UMaine. One of his research projects was tracing Maine's Ice Age Trail in Downeast Maine. Excellent maps and descriptions make this a fascinating trail to follow, well marked in his brochure.

Dr. Borns traveled six continents in his research and spent 28 seasons in Antarctica where a glacier was named for him. He has been honored many times for his work.

Win Robbins served in World War II and returned to form his own business, designing and building ski lifts. His life's work was centered between designing and constructing the lifts and guaranteeing their safety. He served as Maine's inspector of the Tramway Board until his retirement. For his service to skiers, Win was chosen for the Maine Ski Hall of Fame.

Bob '59 and Nancy Roberts Munson '59 recently visited with alumnus **Henry McCusker '34** at his summer home in Yarmouth, Massachusetts, on Cape Cod which overlooks a beautiful golf course. Up until a few years ago Henry was still playing. In November Henry left to spend the winter in his penthouse condo overlooking the beach in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. A visit with Henry is always entertaining with his telling of many jokes. He is wonder-

ing if there are any of his classmates around. He would love to hear from them at his address, 2840 N. Ocean Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308. Henry has two children, two granddaughters, and his pride and joy, great-grandson, Henry, age two!

We want to say a big thank you to **Basil Staples '35**, who served his class for several years as the class correspondent. Basil recently decided to retire from this post, so any news of the Class of '35 will now be included in the Senior Alumni column. Thank you for representing your class and for all your good work, Basil!

Before I close, I'd like to encourage you to come back and visit the UM campus, especially if you haven't seen it for a while. Old buildings have had miraculous facelifts, new ones abound, and all are creatively landscaped. It'll make you proud.

It's a long, cold winter here in Millinocket, so brighten a day with a newsy letter.

1936

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Happy New Year, Class of '36. I hope you enjoyed the holidays. Please send your news to me at the above address or to the alumni association at P.O. Box 550, Orono, ME 04473. Your classmates would love to hear from you!

1937

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Happy New Year to the Class of 1937! News is somewhat sparse, but I'll share what I have. A recently found photograph of a group of University of Maine friends taken around 1985 brought back lovely memories. Several of us from the

Class of '37 as well as a few from '35 and '36 gathered for a sunny summer get-together at our camp on Long Lake.

Sadly, we must report the death of **George Grange**. George was an agricultural economics major at the university, where he met Lucille Bell '39. George and Lucille were married for 67 years. They had three children, 12 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. After retirement from the Department of Agriculture, George and Lucille moved to Florida. George was active in his community and church, and a loyal member of the class.

1939

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Dear 1939 classmates:

As I write this column on a bright October day, life is complicated for all of us on many fronts, but then we are all tough old birds and what else is new? With our class celebrating our 70th Reunion shortly, I am visualizing myself hopping on my flying carpet and appearing in person. Wow! Wouldn't that be perfect. Hopefully, some of you will be able to do just that. Examining our 1939 graduation program truly brings back a myriad of special memories.

Beginning with a "Maine Hello" recently, I received a letter on Honors College stationery from an '07 graduate, Tiffany Warzecha. (Briefly, she had read my column and wanted to hear my Maine story from the fall of 1935 until June of 1939). An anthropology major, she volunteered as an EMT for the university ambulance, was a resident dorm assistant, spending spare time in the library and in the woods by the Stillwater. After briefly writing her concerning my time at Maine, she recently replied with news of what she is doing now and again discussing her time at Maine. She is presently very busy working on an ambulance, taking patients to and from hospitals and nursing homes. She has just returned from Maine and

Minnesota where she worked as a health director at Scout camps. She has moved into the business world where she hopes to become a doctor and small business owner. (She also mentioned while at Maine, doing her thesis on "Story Medicine," being a Brownie troop leader, and working for peace and justice issues. She also found it an interesting coincidence that we both were tapped for All Maine Women during our junior year. Finally, she added the fact that being at Maine allowed her to explore ideas and explore who she was. Also, to quote, "I know the lessons learned at Maine will help me be successful and make positive changes wherever life takes me."

Another interesting item concerns the fact that an audiology doctor, Ashley Hall '04, just beginning her practice in Annapolis at a fine well-known hearing center, is a graduate of the University of Maine. She is quoted as missing life in Maine but happy to have joined the local scene. When and if we ever meet, we will have that special common bond. Truly it is worth its weight in gold at a time when many things are losing their value. What a happy thought to keep with us always.

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1940

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On a beautiful October day, I am wishing you a Happy New Year. I am also wishing that I had more news for you. Please write to me!

Margaret Steinmetz Mosher answered my plea with a wonderful email that I can share with you. When she was in Maine and on her way to Deer Isle and Stonington with her daughter last summer, she stopped to see Paul and **Ruth Worcester Johnson**, who live in Buxton. She also had a visit with **Emily Blake McMonagle** in South Portland. Ruth, Margaret, and Emily are still living in their own homes. It is so special that they, along with



Four generations of Giffin/Morrison family UMaine alums

A recent family gathering brought together four generations of Giffin/Morrison family University of Maine graduates. Seated to the left is Viola Purinton Giffin '31, a member of Pi Beta sorority, who currently lives in Orono. Viola was married to the late Alvin Giffin, also a Class of '31 grad. Seated next to Viola is her daughter Alola Giffin Morrison '59. Standing left to right are: Alola's husband, Joseph Franklin Morrison '59, '67G, Alola's granddaughter Kristen Lee Ann Morrison, a current UMaine student, and Kristen's father, Mark Giffin Morrison '85.

Maxine Robertson Furbush, Ruth McClelland Jewell, and Marjorie Coffee Latus keep up with their Round Robin letters after 68 years. Margaret also added that **Norma Sylvester Heanssler**, who lived in Deer Isle for many years, passed away in September. Our sympathy goes to her family.

Again this September, I went to the Highlands in Topsham to an alumni luncheon that has become an annual gathering, and about 65 alums were there. I enjoyed a visit with **Priscilla Thomas Perry**, who is still living at Piper Shores in Scarborough. The two of us represented our 1940 class.

Another highlight for me last summer was having breakfast one morning with **Polly Jellison Weatherbee**. Polly was going to a family reunion and a 90th birthday party for her in Deer Isle and Stonington. On her way, she was

staying overnight at a motel here in Augusta. We had time to reminisce about our college days. I heard from her after the family parties and it was a wonderful experience for her. She was so pleased that **Vivian (H) and Bill Treat** ('90 honorary degree) and **Barbara Welch Wilson** '48G were among the guests.

Again, please let me know where you are and what is going on in your lives. I would so love to hear from you.

1941

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A Maine Hello to all '41ers! The election hoopla of 2008 is behind us

and here's wishing your holidays were to your liking. It's fine; it's 2009! May the New Year be happy and healthy for all of you!

In September the annual gathering and luncheon at the Highlands in Topsham was as exciting as ever. The Class of 1941 tied with the 1950 class for the best attendance, yet our number was down—only five: **Joanna Evans Bardo, Anna Verrill DeMunn, Constance Philbrook Leger, Charlene Perkins Strang** (one of the hostesses), and yours truly. Three of our class members were lucky in the drawing for prizes: Anna chose a University of Maine cap, Connie a UMaine large umbrella, and I *The Maine Book: University of Maine Athletics 1881-2007*, an encyclopedia of names and facts about UMaine athletics. As I browsed through the pictures of the teams, the records, games played, etc. I came across a big surprise. You recall the girls' sports program in our time was intramural, but there was a picture of the girls "M" Club reproduced from the 1942 *Prism*. The university was well represented at this event: **Todd Saucier** '93, '97G, executive director of UMAA; **Sarah McPartland-Good, Dan Willett** '69, '70G, and **Danny Williams** '91, '94G of the UMaine Foundation; **Pat McBride**, athletic development officer; and **Blake James**, director of athletics, our guest speaker. It was sad not to see the Chases there; **Janice Merrill Chase** died in August and **Gordon Chase** is suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Our sincere sympathy to Gordon and family in their loss.

Our class is still assisting students at the university with scholarships. The 2008-2009 recipients are **Christopher Albert**, a sophomore majoring in business administration from Gorham, Maine; and **Breana Bennett**, a first-year student majoring in biochemistry from Freedom, Maine, and a great niece of the late **Frances Sawyer Alford**. I received a note from **Chris Albert**, telling about his background, his activities at Maine, and expressing his sincere appreciation for the help and the hopes that someday he may contribute to someone else's education.

October was extremely rewarding! I had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Dana Humphrey, dean of the

college of engineering; Dr. John Mahon, dean of the college of business, public policy, and health; and Dr. Paul Mayewski, director of the UMaine Climate Change Institute. All three are dynamic speakers, outstanding in their fields, and accomplishing great things in their departments. Did you read Dr. Mayewski's article in the fall *MAINE Alumni Magazine*? The two deans spoke at alumni events in Portland and Dr. Mayewski was the featured speaker at the UMaine Foundation annual luncheon in Orono.

If possible, check out an alumni chapter in your area. This fall there have been several football and hockey games shown on TV stations in southern Maine—may it continue for our pleasure!

I have an update—Anna Verrill DuMunn and Robert have a new winter address: 59 Applegate Lane, Falmouth, Maine 04105. In the last issue her summer address in Maine and a winter one in Arizona were reported. In closing, always the same plea—please write; your classmates want to hear from you!

1942

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The University of Maine alumni luncheon at the Highlands in Topsham was held October 10, 2008. Speakers from the university brought us up to date on activities at the campus. It was a beautiful fall day and a large group of alumni attended. **Jo Blake Bail, Barbara Savage Thompson '63G**, and I attended from our class.

Our local newspaper, *The American Journal*, had a wonderful write-up about classmate **Paul Phelan '59G**. Paul was recently named Maine Association of Retirees' 2008 Volunteer of the Year. Paul donates his time as a weekly keyboard sing-along player at both the Westbrook nursing home and the Maine Veterans' Home in Scarborough. Paul retired after 29 years of teaching and now he is self publishing his third book which is his take on satire called *Smut in your Eye*, a play on mud of course, with the subtitle of *2008 Reflections of America's Longest Presidential Race*. I see Paul

Biography Chronicles the Life of Bill Treat '40

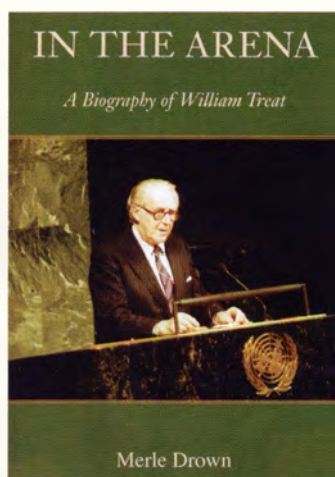
Most of us feel good about achieving some success in one career. As a lawyer, judge, banker, political leader, and diplomat, Winterport, Maine, native Bill Treat '40 (honorary degree 1990) has excelled in at least five. And his outstanding career, coupled with his independent thinking and iconoclastic nature, has made him something of a legend in his home state of New Hampshire.

Bill's life and times are the subject of a new, lively biography by award-winning author Merle Drown.

In the Arena: A Biography of William Treat tells the story of Bill's journey from his small-town upbringing in Winterport to his national renown as a probate judge, diplomat, banker, and astute player in the political arena—including his close associations with presidents, senators, and foreign leaders. The book also includes a detailed account of his blossoming years as a UMaine undergraduate.

"I found Bill a fascinating character . . . who believed in culture and giving to the community—a Yankee with a vision of the world," author Drown noted after finishing the book.

In the Arena is published by Hobblebush Books. It can be ordered online at www.hobblebush.com or by calling 603-672-4317.



quite often at various city activities and we talk U of M first before any city business.

A *Portland Press Herald* article, "One (Blaine) House United," featured Maine governors from previous administrations including our **John Reed** ('60 honorary degree). The past and current governors told stories about their time at the Blaine House. John recalled passing time evenings, when the legislature was in session, by skating on the tennis court during the winter. John is still living in Washington and comes home to Maine quite often.

The bridge spanning the Androscoggin River was recently renamed to honor **Bernard Lown** ('82 honorary degree). Our Nobel prize-winning classmate, a graduate of Lewiston High School, and renowned cardiologist, returned to Lewiston for the ceremony last fall. Previously known as the South Bridge, the bridge is now the Bernard Lown Peace Bridge. Congratulations!

Had a lovely long note from **Mary Cowin Leavitt**. She still lives on Forest Hill Terrace off Forest Avenue in Orono. She has five grandchil-

dren, one great-grandchild, and another was due in December. That will keep you busy, Mary. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 2, Orono, Maine 04473.

I need help with news from all of you. It may come to the time when our class news will just join the Senior Alumni column. Please think about it and send some news—family, trips, newspaper clippings—postcards are great for news.

1943

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I got a call from **Louise Hoyt Findlen** in Fort Fairfield telling me about her activities and those of her children. She enjoys playing bridge and attending Senior College. Louise has eight children living all over. Her son Joe '69 is a Vietnam veteran and a retired farmer who

lives in Fort Fairfield. Michael '70 works for Home Depot in Florida. Pat '71 works for Sargents in Old Town and lives with his family in Clifton. Marcia Findlen Cyr '74 recently moved to St. Josephs, Michigan, where her husband, Van, works for Whirlpool. Fred '76 is a dentist with an office in Topsham and lives in Pownal. Chris works for Hannaford and lives in Windham. Richard '81 is an engineer who works for the Navy in Okinawa. Greg '87, '90G is also an engineer who lives and works in Florida. Louise said she hasn't received any Maine publications lately. I told her about membership and she said she would send money for her membership.

This is a good time to mention lifetime membership. There are 10 from the class including **John Chadwick** and **Ed and Helen Deering Piper**. It is a good way to become members of the alumni association and not have to think about it every year. You will get all the publications that are sent out.

I received through the alumni office a note to **Preston Rand** from **Harold "Dit" Mongovan** saying he had hoped to attend our 65th Reunion last June. He got together with Sitta Mullen Varnum (a cousin) and had lunch in New Hampshire earlier in the year. Sorry you didn't make it. There were a few of us that did and we had a great time. He says he keeps active skiing and hiking in the mountains. He says the mountains seem to be getting steeper! He also enjoys fishing in the spring and fall. Dit remembers camping on Green Lake with **John Webster, Eben Leavitt**, Shume White, and Curtis Jones. He had a call from Curtis last spring. Dit says he sounded good. Curtis lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Eben died about three years ago. He did not graduate with the class. He went one year and then went to the Naval Academy.

Helena Jensen forwarded a note that was sent to her from **Dick and Marie Martinez** on the death of **Francis Murphy** who passed away on February 23, 2008. Francis was a retired public relations chief at United Technologies Corporation in Hartford, Connecticut. His son, Peter, now serves as public relations director of the company. Besides Peter he leaves a wife, Mary Jane, and two grandchildren. Belated sympathies to the family.

In October 2008, the UMaine Foundation had its annual luncheon meeting in Orono. Helena was there. She was made an honorary

member of the Foundation. Congratulations, Helena.

As I have no more notes from members of the class, I will tell you about my family. Bud (Oliver Harrison '45) and I went to high school in Bucksport. He went to UMaine for a year and then went to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. We were married in 1945. He had a stroke in December of 1989 and died. My family includes four children—Margaret, Thomas '75G, Mary, and Robert, 10 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Margaret and Garry live in Tarentum, Pennsylvania. They have two children, Kathy and Michael. Kathy has two children, and Mike has three. Garry retired last July from Pennsylvania DOT and Margaret plans to retire in January. They have a motor home and plan to do some traveling.

Tom and Cathy teach at a private school in Sandy Springs, Maryland. Their son, Joshua, works for the telephone company in Bangor. He and his wife have a young daughter. Other children live in Wisconsin and Virginia.

Mary and Robin Ray live in Fort Collins, Colorado, with their son Taylor. Her son Richard and his wife also live in Fort Collins with their three boys. Mary's daughter, Erin, lives in Belfast, Maine, with her two children. I get to see them fairly often, especially in the summer, as they come to my camp on Lake Alamoosook in Orland.

Rob and Dale live in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Rob has his own business, manufacturing kits to test for dioxins, and Dale is a nurse practitioner in the Portland area. Their children are in college and graduate school.

Have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Please send along news of yourself and families.

1944

*65th Reunion
May 29-31, 2009*

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A summer gathering and meeting was held by class members at the Bear's Den in Orono on July 22. Class members and guests began



Mac Libbey (center) with relatives, Rebecca and Greg Jones.

Mac Libbey '44 Honored at Senior Alumni Luncheon

UMaine professor emeritus Waldo "Mac" Libbey '44 was recognized at the Senior Alumni luncheon held on October 24 at Buchanan Alumni House for generously establishing a professorship in his former department of electrical and computer engineering.

We are sad to have to report that Mac passed away on January 10 of this year.

arriving at 10:30 a.m. to enjoy coffee and light refreshments as we engulfed ourselves in conversation. At noon a buffet lunch was served with background music by **Jim Frick** (H), John Cooper, and **Al Ehrenfried**. Thirteen class members were in attendance: **Ray Atwood** '51G, **Don Bail**, **Bob Beverage** '50G, **Russ** '47G and Barbara Higgins **Bodwell** '45, **Pat Cummings** '89, '44H, **Al Ehrenfried** with Alice Rhoades Brunton, **Pete Farnum**, **Jim Frick**, **Joy Iveney Ingalls**, **Joe Ingalls**, **Al McNeilly**, **Midi Wooster Roberts** with Ernie Roberts, and **Charles Stickney**. After lunch **Al Ehrenfried**, class president, introduced university staff and faculty members, several of whom updated those present on what is transpiring in their areas of responsibility on campus. We also heard from **Todd Saucier** '93, '97G, president and executive director of UMAA, who was joined by his wife, **Danielle Daigle Saucier** '93, '96G, for lunch. Other UMAA staff added information about campus activities, upcoming events, and fund raising. The business meeting was brief with **Charlie Stickney** giving the treasurer's report; comments by **Russ Bodwell**, class vice president, concerning class gifts and fund raising; and

65th Reunion plans for next June by **Chris Corro**, UMAA events coordinator. During the meeting **Al Ehrenfried** was inducted as Hall of Fame engineer of the Francis Crowe Society by **Dana Humphrey**, dean of the college of engineering. They were joined for a photo op by **Al McNeilly**, **Charles Stickney**, and **Russ Bodwell**, also Hall of Fame engineers from our class.

A clipping from the August 1 edition of the *Bangor Daily News* reads, "Key figure in lobster festival inception honored." The article is about **Samuel W. Collins, Jr.** ('64 honorary degree), retired Maine Supreme Judicial Court associate justice, who was instrumental in the start of the Maine Lobster Festival in 1948 in Rockland. "He was one of the original incorporators of the festival who signed the certificate of organization that created the Rockland Festival Corporation." In recognition of his support for the festival over the years, Collins was named grand marshal for the 61st Lobster Festival parade, which was held Saturday, August 2, 2008.

A letter from **Richard B. Innes** tells us of the death of **Kenneth Clark Jordan**, a graduate in engineering physics and a non-resident member of Theta Chi, who, following

his graduation, went on to serve in the Army Signal Corps in World War II in the European Theater. While in Paris he was stationed for a time at the top of the Eiffel Tower. In Paris he met Paula Courbon of that city and they were married. They returned to the U.S. to live in Waltham, Maine. In 1947 Ken began a long and successful career with Monsanto at Mounds Laboratories in Miamisburg, Ohio. Working for Monsanto, he was the inventor of the radioactive thermoelectric generator. These devices provided power for the Apollo moon landers, the Viking Mars landers, the Voyager and Pioneer explorations, and the Galileo spacecraft that observed Jupiter and several of its moons. Ken Jordan died in Maine, where he and his family had built a home on Graham Lake after he retired in 1982.

Joe Sutton, who entered the University of Maine with our class in 1940 and left after two years to attend the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, passed away this past July.

Our condolences to the families of these two dear classmates.

1945

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Winter greetings from Maine. As I write this, the foliage is indescribable this fall. Absolutely gorgeous colors—shades of rosy pink to brilliant red, lemon yellow to pumpkin orange—and everything in between, with our wonderful evergreens as a backdrop. Recently I went on the train ride from North Conway up to Bartlett, New Hampshire, with a group from here.

Truly I don't recall this color ever before! Perhaps this is the reward for having experienced almost daily rains all summer long. I do hope many of you were able to visit during this beautiful season!

We celebrated **Connie Carter Lamprell's** birthday the last weekend in September. It was her 85th and her daughter Katherine and husband, Stephen, and family planned a really special gathering for her friends from the University of Maine, Sigma Chi, neighbors, and friends in the village including Ben

Warren and **Bud and Pat Ludwig Hale**. (They are really enjoying their move to New Hampshire last year. It's a great place for skiers, like they are, and they have a son close by too.) The food was more than abundant, and Kathy, Steve, and their two daughters Kristen and Katie circulated from the living room to the dining room, back to the kitchen, and of course the sun room and out to the deck, and kept all areas well supplied with very tasty goodies. The pièces de résistance were the super cheesecakes!

Also we enjoyed the Lamprell family tradition of hiding a well-scrubbed quarter in each cake. That's inflation for you—it used to be a dime. I've had birthday cakes at Connie's for years, but this was my first time to find the quarter. Good luck for this next year—I certainly could use it! And actually my constant dizziness over the past year and a half has disappeared! Hurrah! What a joy to me and everyone else in my family. One of the major things I noted besides the good camaraderie and scrumptious food was the large number of friends who were brought by their daughters (me included)! How wonderful for us.

There were no strangers. We all blended like one huge family! Connie's best friend from her Blue Hill school days was able to come and finally Marjorie and I have met after hearing about one another for the past 67 years. Having spent my first summer back in Maine with Connie back in 2005 I had met many of her friends and neighbors, and it was a joy to meet them once again! It's a very friendly little town!

Also at Connie's was **Doris Emery Spencer**, up from Massachusetts, and we had a nice chat. She's still happy and especially busy in her retirement home in Peabody. She manages to stay very busy by being on numerous committees—she continues to interview a new resident every single week over their in-house TV. This does a lot for initiating introductions to various groups. She also started their own thrift shop, which continues to be popular and brings in money on a regular basis to fund special projects for their activities and special entertainment.

On Labor Day we were invited for dinner with Russ '44, '47G and **Barb Higgins Bodwell** at the cottage they've rented in Bridgton the past two years—the table was set with fresh lobster rolls and salad and followed by both blueberry and apple pies! Their daughter Joanne

Bodwell Ferreira '73 and husband, Gene, moved to Bridgton from New Jersey several years ago. It's beautiful and Bridgton was our closest town when I was in high school in Sebago. Now it has an area school in Naples and is outstanding in academics as well as athletics. How I wish we could have had it in my day!

The Bodwells have returned to Dirigo Pines in Orono and seem very happy there. They especially enjoy the opportunity for Senior College as well as the multiple athletic, musical, and dramatic opportunities there. Their daughter Sue Bodwell Willis '71 was visiting them with husband, Bill, and son Benjie that week. Joanne and my daughter Cindy Bradley Brochu '73 saw one another and planned this special day together in the early summer. There's nothing like caring children as we get older! They are the true joys in our senior world as are their children and grandchildren.

I'm so sorry to report the loss of two more of our classmates recently, **Jean McKinney Harriman** of Kennebunkport and **Barbara Dennett** '62G of Bar Mills. Barbara Dennett earned her master's from the University of Maine many years ago and studied in England as well as spent many vacations there! She was no doubt a great English teacher and taught throughout New England during her lengthy career. She also spent several years teaching English in Connecticut.

All this summer our Gorham House buses were busy taking us to numerous outstanding day trips. Our first was to South Paris to visit the McLaughlin Garden when their lilies were in full bloom. It was a great way to start our summer. And in mid-summer they drove us up to Boothbay for a day at their new botanical gardens! Last year, soon after its opening, my daughters took me up to see it. It's gorgeous and is considered the greatest on the northeast coast. It takes the better part of a day but we all came back relaxed with our cameras filled with gorgeous images. I could see it has grown considerably just within the last year. My camera was busy clicking over beautiful views and one garden after another.

By the time this arrives, our multiple debates and voting day will be over. I pray the truly most capable man is chosen and we can all work together to try to get our country and our world back together and look to an efficient and caring, smoothly operating country. Actually,

the entire season of debates as well as discussions helps us settle down and learn to support whoever the country decides will be our new president. It's very much a déjà vu of 1932. I recall that vividly even though I was only nine years old. I've never forgotten the horror of reading the newspaper about fathers jumping out windows on Wall Street. I certainly don't want to go through or see 15 years of very hard times again.

It will be shortly after Christmas when you read this and I hope it reminds many of you to drop a line to me with any news you would like to share with your classmates. We'll be returning for our 70th Reunion in less than two years!

Happy New Year to you all! Do send a card or note about where you are and what you are doing. Our classmates are still among our best friends and enjoy everything you can send us!

Charlie

1946

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We're always hoping for news of the great Class of '46. Please make a New Year's resolution to contact me at the above address. Don't be shy—we want to hear from you!

1947

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I'd like to wish everyone a good winter and a New Year of health and happiness. Don't forget to send me some news for this column. Have a new address? Seen anyone from '47 recently? Tell us about those grandchildren! Please send me an update!

1948

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Greetings to all you '48ers! As I write this, fall has arrived and with it all the excitement in the sports arena of football. Be sure to cheer for the Maine Black Bear squad. The alumni office had nothing in the mailbox from our classmates, but since we've had a gathering since Reunion, we're not running on empty. **Millie Morris Stengel** made arrangements at Granite Hill Estates for a luncheon in their lovely dining room on July 15. There were 21 in attendance and we had a delightful meal and lots of sparkling conversation. We learned that a couple of much envied trips are coming up for **Bob** and Janet Malcolm **Buck** '57. They are traveling to the British Isles and **Margie Watson Savignano** will be on her way to Vancouver and Washington for a visit with friends.

We came up with some updates on some of our classmates at the 60th Reunion. In the interest of space in the last issue, we've held them and will share them in this column. **Alice Fonseca Haines's** youngest granddaughter, Rachel, has finished her first year at UMaine. **Ed Hall** is living in Briarwood Retirement Community in Worcester, Massachusetts. He worked on a solar-powered project in Haiti last year. **John Hill** is living in Sherborn, Massachusetts. He retired from an industrial design boiler firm and has been married 62 years. **William Tozier** is living in Hallowell, Maine, and retired from Central Maine Power. The year 2008 was also a 50-year reunion for him from Bentley College. **Henry Plate** retired from Agway and moved to a farm in Waterford, Maine, in 2005. Robert Buck has moved from Harpswell to Brunswick, Maine.

Bernard Prescott is a retired professor living in Greenfield, Massachusetts. **Conrad Beaulieu** is living in St. Petersburg, Florida. **June Swanton Johnson** and Evan '49 are living in a retirement community in Connecticut. June plans to resume volunteer work teaching ethical issues around genetics. **Jan**

Go Blue!

Scales Cates is living in Visalia, California. She was a high school librarian from 1970-1990. We were sorry to learn she lost her husband, Dave Cates '50, in June 2007. **Joan Frye Meserve** '70G was also a librarian and since retirement she and Dick '49 have been spending winters in Plant City, Florida. They have five children and (gasp) 15 grandchildren, two of whom are attending UMaine. That may be a record for most grandchildren of a classmate! Any of you out there who wish to challenge that, please contact us. I'll add my own update for yours truly here. I retired from classroom teaching and I think it must be in the genes as three of my four children are teachers. The lone holdout went into the advertising field in New York City.

I serve as chair of the Pittsfield Public Library trustees and have been actively engaged in the capital campaign for restoration and expansion of the library. We've raised over a million thus far and have started on the project! Volunteering is so important and rewarding. Each of you deserves a big pat on the back for all that you do. I hope you had a blessed Christmas—have a Happy New Year.

1949

*60th Reunion
May 29-31, 2009*

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Happy New Year to fellow '49ers. This is our 60th Reunion year and I am hoping you have already made plans to return to campus for the Reunion weekend.

Jayne Hanson Bartley forwarded the following three items:

Jean Cunningham Jackson treated two of her Pennsylvania friends to a trip to Maine this fall. Never had they stepped on Maine soil and were thrilled with Portland, Bar Harbor, Boothbay, and Ocean Park. Next time they'll have to see the beauty of our mountains and rivers—like Baxter State Park!

John Folsom is back on his feet after knee replacement.

Vance '69G and Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn '86G certainly remain active with their grandchildren and their activities. They took a trip this year to Croatia with Lin

'54G, '65G and Jean McIntire White '52 using their time shares, and attending as many UMaine events as possible.

A highlight of the fall was a wonderful gathering at the home of **Barbara Thompson York** in Cumberland Foreside on October 7th. This was the second time Barbara has hosted her University of Maine classmates for a fall get-together. We had a delightful coffee hour and pleasant conversation. It was a beautiful, warm Indian summer day and the foliage brilliant as we drove to the Royal River Grillhouse in Yarmouth for lunch. Thank you, Barbara, for your generous hospitality.

In addition to Barbara those attending were: **Colleen Richardson Coates, Libby Tufts Goodrich, Mary Hastings Dumas** '51, Ginny Stickney Cooper '50, Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn, Vance Dearborn, **Nancy Carter Bishop, Barbara Haney McKay, Shirley Jackson Hilton** '50, **Marion "Lexey" Carter, Louise Litchfield McIntire** '50, Caroline Strong '50, Barbara Sullivan Knowlton '48, Lancy Carter Bradshaw '48, **Babs Pulsifer Kilgore, Frances Foster Addor, Verna Wallace Andrews, Priscilla Thomas Rines, Lorraine Stratton Estes, and Kay Kennedy Nickless.**

Now that we are all thinking of our 60th Reunion, I am reminded that the alumni association is urging us to consider a lifetime membership. Enjoy the rest of the winter and see you in late May.

1950

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Since the last column, your scribe went on a jaunt to Egypt, including a leisurely voyage up the Nile River on a comfortable riverboat. Our group flew to Cairo and was held spellbound as we were whisked through the city en route to the Mean House, our first "oasis" midst the hustle and bustle of the city. When we opened the drapes in our room, we were virtually speechless as we viewed three magnificent pyramids right there in front of us! There was The Cheops (the Great Pyramid) which

is constructed out of some two million blocks of stone, plus Khafre and Menjaure...and three smaller ones that were fashioned for the queen and other relatives of the kings. The next day the coach took us up to those pyramids; we looked in awe at the Great Pyramid and ventured inside via a narrow low entryway; we climbed up a very steep stairway and emerged into the king's large chamber with vents up overhead that theoretically were paths for the king's soul to ascend to the stars. As we emerged from the pyramid (and we were all bathed in perspiration), we saw the nearby Sphinx that is some 66 feet high—carved out of an outcrop of natural rock. It was on that site that we rode on camels for a quarter-mile or so; our camels looked mighty bored with all, despite the fact that we were all agog as we ambled along with myriad cameras clicking away! We continued to "ooh and aah" for the remainder of the trip, viewing ancient temples, villages, towns and cities, the Big Dam, Lake Nasser, Abu Simbel, the Valley of the Kings, and so much more. As we luxuriated on the boat motoring down the Nile, we viewed the countryside to the left and right of us—and could hardly believe that we were really in Egypt and truly walking its history! It was a superb few days that went by much too quickly. And now next year we shall be off to the Grand Canyon!

Though the history of our Class of 1950 extends only from 1946, we are equally proud of the accomplishments of our Greatest Generation Class—and the legacy of excellence that we continue to extend as we edge closer to our 60th Reunion! Can you believe 60 years! Our classmates met at the Cumberland Club in Portland in August and again in early October at Warren's in Kittery to discuss Reunion activities as well as projects for 2009 and beyond. We are happy to report that our Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund awarded four scholarships to descendants of classmates for this current academic year: Nathan Gorham from Islesboro, who is the grandson of the late **John F. Gorham** '52G; Alana Eames from Norridgewock, who is the granddaughter of **Donald Eames**; Jocelyn Kennedy from Thomaston, who is the granddaughter of **Donald Kennedy**; and Ashley Briggs from Stillwater, who is the granddaughter of the late **Robert Briggs**. Each student received \$967.25. We are proud to note that the fund now has \$50,000; the fund continues to

gather interest for future scholarship awards. Just a reminder that if you have a descendant who attends the Orono campus, that student is eligible to apply for the Class of 1950 Scholarship. It is the responsibility of the student to make his/her relationship known to the office of student financial aid at the time of application.

The preliminary plans for our 60th Reunion in the spring of 2010 are indeed in the "hopper" considering possible pre/post gathering spots plus activities and venues we might utilize on campus. We were interested to hear a fine presentation made by members of the Class of 2010, which is sponsoring the construction of a projected Traditions Trail that will run from the Memorial Union to the Buchanan Alumni House, accentuating the scenic and historic side of the campus. The trail would be "the link between the Union and the Alumni House—symbolic of the connection between the center of activity for present students and that of the alumni"—thus serving to preserve tradition, establish unity, and build a legacy at the university. We voted that the class will commit to raising \$20,000 for the archway section of the Traditions Trail. This archway is only about 55 feet from the Class of 1950 Flag Plaza which currently serves as the main entrance to the campus. The consensus was that the "purchase" of this section of the trail would extend our commitment to the university from the plaza to the trail and beyond. We will be in touch with all classmates to ask that you assist us in raising those funds—and thank you in advance for your donation to this great project.

Veep **George Gray** asked one and all to consider possibilities as alternatives to The Greatest Generation Award, inasmuch as we are approaching the time when there will be fewer eligible for the award, as more and more of our veteran classmates are dying. We are considering the possibility of 1) honoring those veterans of the class who attended the Brunswick Naval Air campus in '46, '47, and '48; 2) honoring women who served in the military during World War II and Korea; 3) honoring classmates who have made significant achievements in and for the state of Maine or the university; 4) honoring all members of the class who served in the military during World War II, Korea and/or Vietnam or; 5) honoring classmates who have distinguished

themselves in service to our country, our community, to their professions, and the like. We would appreciate your thoughts in this regard. Please be in touch with George (ggray26@aol.com) or **Dick Fairfield** (dick36@juno.com).

In that regard, we were interested to read an article in the *Portland Press Herald* this summer that spoke to the award that was made to one of our classmates, **Linwood F. Wright** (82 Sharks Road, New Sharon, Maine 04906). Linwood and two other veterans from Maine were presented with the German-American Friendship Award for their part in the operation which supported food and fuel to Berliners who were trapped in a Soviet blockade of the city. American and British planes were able to airlift goods into the city, forcing Soviet premier Joseph Stalin to finally lift the blockade after 322 days. World War II ended in 1945, and the airlift began in June of 1948. Linwood had joined our class in 1946 after having been a pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He left Orono during the middle of our junior year so that he could participate in the airlift. Linwood was cited for helping transform the U.S. relationship with Germany from adversary to ally. All who assisted in the airlift were cited as "heroes, every single one of you." We are mighty proud of you and for you, Linwood.

Gerald and Mary Davis MacLean have moved from Brownville to 27 Cortland Circle, Bangor, Maine 04401, (207) 947-7401. **Ellie Hansen Brockway** wrote that her Edward Little High School class in Lewiston had its 62nd reunion in late August. In attendance were Class of 1950 members **Shirley Jackson Hilton**, **Bob Thorpe**, and **Dick Adams**. She noted that Dick, a retired veterinarian, is professor emeritus at Pennsylvania State College. He currently runs the 8th Maine Regiment Civil War Museum and Lodge on Peaks Island in Casco Bay and stays very busy and involved. Ellie also attended a university alumni program at The Highlands, a retirement community in Topsham. She reported that she saw **Al** and **Joye Levesque** (who live at The Highlands), **Bill** and **Janet Marston Bodwell** '55, **Stan Trask** '58G, and **Frances Callan Rogers** who was a five-year nursing student in our class. Stan was proud to note that he was principal of the high school where and when Cindy Blodgett '98 (UMaine women's basketball coach)

was a student. He is now retired and lives at Popham Beach.

Prexy **Maggie Mollison McIntosh** '52G reported that **Darryl** and **Arlene Doane Farnham** have moved to a retirement community in Medford, Oregon, just a block away from their son Paul, who is a great support to his mom and dad. Darryl has some physical problems that necessitate his utilizing an electric wheelchair. Though they miss their former home in town, they are both pleased to be in a spacious apartment in their new community that offers many amenities for them. They would love to hear from you. You can be in touch at Fountain Plaza, 1441 Marlow Road, Apartment 804, Medford, Oregon 97504. Their phone number is: (541) 772-4189.

We are saddened to report the death of **Bob Lincoln** in late August. After graduation he worked for many years at Hamilton Standard, a division of Pratt and Whitney in Connecticut and was a colonel in the Connecticut Air National Guard, often attending annual reunions with fellow guard members. He returned to Eliot, Maine, during the '60s and worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard until his retirement. Bob was an avid pilot for most of his life and a member of the Quiet Birdsmen, as well as the Yellowbird Flying Club. He enjoyed flying his small aircraft each year to the aviators' convention in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. We shall miss having him at our annual class meetings in Portland. I also received notice from the widow of **Sturgis Hodgdon** '55G that he died in early spring. He had a distinguished career as an educator, both at the Hamden Hall Country Day School in Hamden, Connecticut, and at various schools in Maine. After he retired as principal of Cape Elizabeth Middle School, he was very active in the life of his community and volunteered for the Buxton Fire and Rescue until just a few years ago. Sturgis was committed to the philosophy that "contributing to the greater good in life begins with doing what you can about what is in front of you." And that he did!

I received a note from **Janice L. Minott** with the news that she has published a memoir, *Letters from Kabul 1966-1968*. The memoir is based on the letters she wrote to friends and family during the time she and her family lived in Afghanistan and her husband was directing the Peace Corps program there. Though she lives in Hurleyville, New York (29 Scarlet Lane 12747),

Janice returns to Peaks Island for two weeks every summer and is overjoyed to stick her toes into the ocean, breathe the wonderful air, and just enjoy the beauty of Maine. Janice notes that her annual vacation on the island provides a joy-filled highlight of her life. Janice's note to me included the fact that her education at the university spanned several different years—from 1942-1944, and then from 1948-1950 when she graduated with our class. She worked with foreign students through the MCA from '48-'50 and worked with the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) after graduation. Those experiences set the tone for the years that followed. She did say that she learned from the East that "you can't push the river. You have to learn to flow with it, and we've got to learn to live together." Amen to that!

Have a great New Year, and we shall be in touch soon with a mailing about plans for the 60th Reunion of our fine class. It will be here before we know it!

1951

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On August 6, 2008, 35 classmates, spouses, and friends gathered at the Caswell cottage in Harpswell for a lobster lunch. Arriving early to help set up the tables and husk corn were Dale and **Joan Wiswell Beach** and **Woody** and Ginny Norton **Beach** '52. Fortunately, we had the tent as this proved to be one of the rainiest days of the summer.

Before lunch, classmates gathered in the cottage for appetizers and catching up on the latest travels and family news. **Mary Hastings Dumas** and her husband, Bruce Folsom '49, were accompanied by **Ellen Stratton Turner** on a trip to Alaska recently. After three days in Denali, they boarded a ship in Seward for a seven-day cruise, coming within half a mile of the Hubbard Glacier. **Dick** and **Connie Lincoln Sweetser** '52 continue to maintain their apple orchard and market in Cumberland. In 2007, they cruised to the Arctic Circle and the northern coast of Norway. **Clair** and **Nadia Shirley** toured seven western

states and then went to Alaska.

Gus and **Paulina "Boo" Robbins Gosse** divide the year between Green Valley, Arizona, and Windham, Maine. **Henry** '62G and **Doris Laskey** of Winthrop spend each April at their condo in Daytona Beach Shores, Florida. **Floyd** and **Isabelle "Pepper" Burbank Milbank** came to the luncheon on their way to a Burbank family reunion.

Edwin and **Nancy Grove** continue to live in Brownfield. Last summer he gave a tour of the Grove Tree Farm. **Ed Manzer** of Lexington, Kentucky, comes to Maine each summer. **Russ Meade** reports that his granddaughter Jenny Smick, a recipient of a Class of 1951 scholarship, is spending the fall 2008 semester in France. In the jolly confusion Russ lost his hat, which was special because it was given to him by his grandson who attends the University of Kansas. After the party it was found and sent to him.

Other classmates attending were **Virginia Stickney Cooper**, **Stuart** and **Pencie Carroll**, **Dick Noyes**, and **Milton** and **Joan Vachon Victor** '52. **Herman** and **Emma-Lou Ingraham Czarnecki**, **Alan Plaisted**, and **Virginia Nickerson Cooney** had planned to come but were deterred by the dire weather prediction. **Daniel Willett** '69, '70G represented the University of Maine Foundation and **Valerie Mitchell** and **Todd Saucier** '93, '97G of the alumni association introduced two members of the Class of 2011. Older alumni classes now work with classes currently in college to develop school spirit and interest in the alumni association.

After we consumed the lobster, corn, salads, and dessert, class president, **Elwood Beach**, conducted a business meeting. We voted to meet on the first Wednesday of August each year at a public place rather than a private home. We have enjoyed meeting at summer cottages, but we are not as young as we used to be. We voted to add \$2,000 from our class fund to the Class of 1951 Scholarship Fund and to give a \$2,000 immediate scholarship to a member of the Class of 2011. We also voted to give \$2,000 to the Class of 2010 project for a heritage trail. **Woody** plans to meet with the Class of 2011 to discuss their proposed project of an amphitheatre on campus. In spite of the rainy weather, a good time was had by all. Be sure to keep the alumni office up to date on changes of home and email address. Also

notify your class correspondent or Woody Beach (email elwoodmbeach@yahoo.com) if you are interested in adding your name to the list of those who like to attend the summer meetings. A location for 2009 has not been selected yet.

Penny Guptil Higgins was unable to attend the lobster picnic, but did check in with news that **Dottie Curtis Vose** passed away in April 2008 after a year and a half struggle with lung cancer. A member of the five-year nursing program at the University of Maine, Dottie was for many years the loved and respected elementary school nurse in Southwest Harbor.

The *Houlton Pioneer Times* in August 2008 published a profile of **Marilyn Hoyt Sprague Chase**. Marilyn was first married to Richard Sprague '50. Marilyn was active on the staff of the *Maine Campus* as an undergraduate and after graduation worked for the *Bangor Evening Commercial*, the *Portland Sunday Telegram*, and a newspaper in Arkansas. After Dick's discharge from the service, he went to work for the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad, and he, Marilyn, and their four children moved to Houlton. While in Houlton, Marilyn started teaching at Ricker College and then from 1962 to 1970 taught at Houlton High School. In 1970 she married Philip Chase, moved to Freeport, and began teaching in Brunswick. In 1987 they moved to the Hoyt family homestead in Fort Fairfield. Marilyn worked for 10 more years in Easton as a speech and language clinician. In 2002 they moved to a smaller home in Limestone. They are active in the Aroostook Retired Educators Group, the SAGE courses of UMPI, and the Limestone Episcopal Church.

1952

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Happy New Year to everyone! Are you buried in snow yet or are you off to warmer climes? Here on the coast our snow comes and goes so we have to clear the duty roster and take advantage of new snow and an opportunity to get out on those skis!

A recent letter from **Dave Wentworth** told of a trip he and his



Enjoying a Class of 1951 lobster picnic on August 6 are, left to right: **Forrest Caswell**, **Frances Pratt Caswell '51** (class correspondent), **Virginia Norton Beach '52**, and **Elwood Beach ('51 class president)**. The picnic was held at the Caswell cottage in Harpswell, Maine.

wife, Mary, took to Rome last spring. Dave doesn't get to our reunions at Orono since Mary (a '52 graduate of Simmons) is her class president and the reunions usually coincide. They do attend Homecoming events, volunteer for SCORE/SBA, and he conducts business workshops. It sounds like a busy, productive life!

We had a call earlier from **Connie Bosworth** who lives in Seattle. Connie is great at keeping in touch with old friends and a call from him is always refreshing. We got a chance to get acquainted with his wife, Bonnie, when some of the class took the trip to the Canadian Rockies in 2007. She is delightful. Connie mentioned talking recently with **Walt Hewins**, who lives in Bass River on Cape Cod. Walt's son took over the Hewins Travel Agency in Portland when Walt retired. (Now AAA has taken over the agency.)

In mid-September the members of the '52 executive committee met at **Perry Hunter's** home in Stonington. Perry has renovated a delightful home with his antiques and furniture repair shop adjoining. Our business meeting was well attended with members and four guests from the university. **Todd Saucier '93, '97G** gave us a resume of current activities at the campus, numbers of incoming freshmen, and new students. A shish kabob lunch was served with salads etc. brought by members as well as delicious finger foods for dessert. It was a beautiful day to be looking out at

Perry's magnificent view of the islands from his large living room. You will be hearing more about the business meeting from our venerable president, **Bill Currie**.

Bill and **Neva MacFarland Gove** vacationed on the schooner *American Eagle* out of Rockland this past summer. (This is our son-in-law's vessel, which makes seven and four-day trips along the coast.) Bill has written a book entitled *Log Drives on the Connecticut River*. It is very informative with many photographs and interesting stories from the past. If anyone is interested in learning more about the book, I can put you in touch with Bill.

The *Aroostook Republican and News* ran a nice article about **Robert Phair '71G** recently. Bob taught driver's education at the Limestone Community School and after earning his master's in library science he became the school librarian for 20 years. He is active in community organizations and in the Limestone Methodist Church. As well as serving in various posts, he assisted in writing the history of the long-standing church. After facing diminishing vision he had a corneal implant and his vision is back to nearly normal. He and his wife of 33 years, Dot, make a formidable team in their volunteer work.

Bill Currie is planning another trip for the Class of '52—this time it will be a cruise from Boston to Montreal. The dates will be September 19-26, 2009, aboard the *Holland America*

Maasdam. Any takers? So far there are 10 couples signed up and Perry Hunter is looking for someone to share a double with him.

Do you remember **Ina VanHee '54**? She was a foreign student from the Netherlands. She visited **Beth Leighton Furlong** this past fall, renting a camp near Beth and Chuck's summer place. She and Beth roomed together while Ina was at the university. Ina told Beth she wishes she had stayed the first time she was in the U.S.—Holland is so crowded and also so polluted.

Al Cole '69G and his wife, Alice, "Poopsy" are new great-grandparents. Their granddaughter **Amanda Knapp**, University of Maine '05 is the mother of **Nate Wilkins**. Congratulations, Al and Alice!

I recently had a chat with **Milton '51** and **Joan Vachon Victor**. They were at their cottage at Ferry Beach for the summer. They have a place in Englewood, Florida, where they spend their winters. Joan had recently seen **Evelyn Green Litman** who was in Saco for an alumni affair at Thornton Academy. She and her husband, Bob, are now located in Florida. Evelyn transferred to Simmons after our freshman year. It was nice to hear news of her.

In September we had a visit from **Ray Lamoreau** who was in our area with his family for a wedding. It was fun to hear about the trip he and Jo took with the group that went to France. They also hope to make the trip being planned for September '09.

Please help me by keeping me in touch with class members. I rely on YOU for news to go in the column and really appreciate the information you send me.

Alumni association membership is an expression of your Black Bear pride. Be sure to renew your membership promptly and you won't miss a single issue of **MAINE Alumni Magazine**.

Class of '52 "World Travelers" Tour France

Several members of the Class of 1952 put on their traveling shoes again this past August. This is the third year in a row they have taken a group trip, having traveled to the Canadian Rockies in 2006 and the Norwegian Coast last year.

This year a group of 12 decided on a river cruise on the Seine River which runs from Paris to Normandy. They rendezvoused at Boston's Logan Airport for the nonstop flight to Paris where they were met by the Uniworld Travel representative who transferred the group to the waiting *River Baroness*.

The ship is slightly longer than a football field and carries about

125 guests. On this cruise there were 89 passengers, which provided ample space on board and allowed for ease in getting to know other passengers. We were the only people traveling as a group and rapidly gained a reputation as being the "fun group." All the state-rooms had a river view.

Later that afternoon, we got underway for our two-day cruise to Rouen for a visit and tour of that city and the historic D-Day battlefields. As we got back underway, the cap-

tain had to make a 180-degree turnaround for the trip. As the ship was turning, the beautiful Eiffel Tower (photo above) came into view. As we turned in the middle of the Seine River, there in the foreground was the French miniature Statue of Liberty. It was an awesome sight!

We anchored for two days at Rouen, where passengers had a tour of the city and a long, full day to visit those beaches of Normandy where the D-Day invasion took place. It was a somber day for all of us, especially when our group visited the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, where nearly 10,000 Americans are buried. The tour leader provided each of us with a rose that we could place at any gravestone that we chose. It was an emotional moment for all of us.

Other key stops during the trip included Conflans-Sainte-Honorine where the group traveled to the village of Auvers-sur-Oise, known for the works of Vincent van Gogh. It was also a favorite spot for artists of the impressionist and post-impressionist period. Another stop was at artist Claude Monet's home and gardens in the village of



Giverny. Additional excursions were available to visit the Louvre, Versailles, and a Normandy cider farm and distillery.

The final day included a tour of Paris and its world-renowned shops and beautiful architecture. We traveled the Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triumph. Beneath the Arc is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier from World War I. As our tour was winding down, it was customary for the ship's captain to host a farewell dinner. During the dinner Woody '51 and Ginny Norton Beach '52 were recognized for observing their 56th wedding anniversary.

The group was transported back to the Charles de Gaulle Airport where we boarded the American Airlines plane for the flight back to Boston. As we departed, the question was raised, "What will we do in '09?" Well, plans are underway for a September coastal cruise of New England and Canada ending in Montreal. And yes, we are a "fun group."

-By Bill Currie



Enjoying their farewell dinner aboard the *River Baroness* are (clockwise from left): Conrad Bosworth '52, Marilyn Kilpatrick Burt '52, Bonnie Bosworth, Don Burt '52, Ginny Norton Beach '52, Woody Beach '51, Bill '52 and Harriet Johnson Currie '52, Dorrie Mayne Lindquist '52, Bill Lindquist '52, and Jo and Ray Lamoreau '52.

1953

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I've fallen in love . . . with Journey's latest "After All These Years." (The song is playing on the radio as I write this.) The melody and lyrics are just beautiful. I just want to stop and look back to where I've been and where I'm going:

A faded wedding photograph
You and me in our first dance
Our eyes are closed
We're lost in one sweet embrace

Since those days the world has
changed
Our love remains the same
God knows we've had our share
of saving grace.

The mountains we have climbed
to get this far
You learn to take the laughter
with the tears
After all these years.

I'll have to get the album *Revelation*. (Remember this was written last fall. I wonder what their latest will be come winter when you're reading this. I didn't know this, but if you can't make out the song's words/can't remember them, just go to the Internet, type in the song title with the word "lyrics" after it, and up come the words.)

And so, with those words, "After all these years," I called classmate **Jeanine "Nini" Wortman**, now Mrs. Jerry Post, who lives in Denver, Colorado. I had seen her photo with Bob Hope in the March 1955 *Maine Alumnus*. She said Bob Hope was in town for promotional tours and she hosted Hope, a major stockholder in the station KOA-TV, at a cocktail party.

I hadn't ever talked or written about Nini and was so glad she picked up the phone. Nini, a Pi Beta Phi, with a major in theater, said she's had "a great career, a wonderful fun job." In September 1953, she went out to Denver on vacation to see her aunt and uncle and she's still there. She said this radio station went on the air Christmas Eve, two days after she got there. "I just went down to get a little experience before I flew back East again." She

reported to work the next day. That was her "vacation!"

Nini, a 1949 grad of Thornton Academy in Saco, went to Lasell College, a junior college outside of Boston. She transferred to UMaine for her junior and senior years, and roomed at South Estabrooke Hall with Pat Turner Saunders '54 her junior year. She had a single room her senior year.

Jerry and Nini have a son, Doug, in Los Angeles. They met on a blind date New Year's Eve, and were married in 1956. What attracted her to Jerry? "We just had a good time together," she said. Nini retired as a personal service director at UCC and Jerry worked as a sales rep with Johns-Mandville. She's into yoga and plays bridge; they both travel some and volunteer at church. "We'd love to hear from people," she said, "we're in the phone book."

I called Barbara Kneeland, (wife of our late classmate **Doug Kneeland**, of Lincoln, Maine), and she's "all programmed to spend the winter months." She didn't want news of herself in this column, but she did speak of a journalism scholarship fund, set up in Doug's name. She said Sarah McPartland-Good, with the University of Maine Foundation, could word it correctly, so I called Sarah and she emailed me the following. Thanks, Sarah.

"A journalism scholarship fund was established in memory of Douglas E. Kneeland '53 by his family, friends, and colleagues. Doug, who grew up in Lincoln, Maine, was a member of the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame, a longtime *New York Times* correspondent, and a former *Chicago Tribune* editor. Memorial gifts to the fund can be made payable to the University of Maine Foundation and sent to Two Alumni Place, Orono, Maine 04469-5792."

I spoke to **Ann Twombly Bonang** of Brunswick for news and she caught me up on classmate **Mary Maguire Riley**, of Lewiston, Maine. Mary and her husband, Frank, are now residents of Russell Park Rehabilitation & Living Center, 158 Russell Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240. I had a nice talk on the telephone with Mary a few weeks ago. Mary said she'd love to hear from people. She spoke of Lewiston High classmates, since we were talking about our 60th reunion coming up in 2009 and what was being planned. I bet many of you will be celebrating your 60th also.

I was eating lunch with my daughter Traci and her children at

one of our favorite old eating places, the Bratskellar, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, this past summer, when I glanced across the room and saw this man looking at me. He kept looking over across the booths. He was with a woman, but that didn't matter. I thought, isn't this nice, someone thinks I'm worth staring at. But then I realized who they were—classmate **Harold Eames** and his wife, Gwen. Permanent residents of Bonita Springs, Florida, they had rented a cottage in Rye Beach, New Hampshire, for the month of August. We talked and then I invited him over to our table. Later, I ended up calling him in Florida, and what was he doing? Reading the latest issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*, and soon to go swimming. It was "around 80 degrees, the sun is brilliant, the sky is blue," Harold said.

Harold does quite a bit of exercising. "I'm in a national program in Berkeley, California, stroke and heart attack prevention, with a weekly conference call where they're giving us ideas." He said he hasn't had a heart attack, but he's trying to prevent one. "The feeling of bending over to tie my shoes, or pick up something, I was just mad at myself." He had lost 20 pounds and now I bet he's lost more, as he said he's really gung-ho, even after two months of doing it. "I'm going for it," he said. Good for you, Harold.

A graduate of Brunswick High and Fryeburg Academy, with service after UMaine, Harold said they were in Maine for eight days in late May/early June for their "Gold Medal" winner, their granddaughter Jessica's graduation from Carrabassett Valley Academy on Sugarloaf Mountain. Harold, grandfather of three, said that Jessica is now enjoying being a freshman at UMaine. He said he "so missed" our 55th Reunion this past year, but wants to be there for our 60th. (And congratulations on turning 80 on February 26.)

Helen Strong Hamilton, our class president, says a mini reunion is being planned for this August, on the 18th, 19th, or 20th, a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. (It's worked well, held the third week of August, she said.) She said to think about your plans when you're coming to Maine, where you'd like to meet, which day would be better, and what speaker(s) we'd like at the gathering. We've had UMaine's president **Kennedy (H)**, now an honorary member of our class (along with his wife, **Mary Rumpho-**

Kennedy H), for four years, "very informative and a very interesting person," she said. She'd love to hear from you, so please send any and all suggestions to: Helen@comcast.net or call her at 603-224-4893 in Bow, New Hampshire.

Since my sister and I have lunch every so often with **Don LaRochelle's** wife, Anne, I called and Don answered. I asked him what's new, and he has been busy. He's working on a new project as the owner's rep for Kate's Butter. They're building a new plant on Route 111 in Arundel and Don is coordinating the design and construction of the two-story 20,000 square-foot facility with a 5,000 square-foot wing. Construction is expected to start in the spring.

Don has also been busy painting contemporary scenes in oils, after some painting lessons. He said, "Not good enough to sell, they're for the wall, but they're nice to look at." (Anne rates them "very good.") I saw them in the sunroom, the office, the master bedroom, and I especially liked the sequence painting of the marshes at the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge in Wells. At the time Don was also taking a memoir-writing course at York County Community College in Wells. He has no plans to retire.

Don also mentioned classmate **Al Brown**, a Phi Kap, and his wife, Pauline, of Brookfield, Wisconsin, who came to Maine for a lobster roll after Labor Day and stopped by to visit them. So, I called Al and asked about their coming all the way to Maine for a lobster roll. "My wife has to have that now and then," he said, "and nobody comes out to see us." Of course, Al and Pauline also came East for eight days to visit relatives in Massachusetts and to see a few favorite spots. How long have they lived in Brookfield? "Since two years before God," came the reply. "Ever since I got out of the Army in '55."

Al and Pauline have a son and a daughter. Al, who retired in 1996, used to play racquetball, but his body said to "quit that." Now they go to the gym three times a week. Originally from Reading, Massachusetts, Al married his high school sweetheart some 53 years ago. It was about dinnertime. I asked what they were eating. "No clue," he said. Where was Pauline? "At the hairdresser's," came the reply. They have an agreement, he said: she prepares the meal and he cleans up. They travel—Hawaii, England, Scotland, Ireland, the Caribbean

many times, and Alaska. They also were at our 40th Reunion, and hopefully we'll see them for a lobster roll at our 60th, or this August at our mini-reunion.

Al also mentioned classmates **Jack Connor**, of Huntsville, Alabama ("We went to Wisconsin together, have him 'spill his guts'"), the late **George Ameer**, and **Ernie Brigham** of Wells. Jack and Ernie, if you are reading this, please email or call me with any news. Thanks in advance.

Harry Burns, of Rumford, emailed me that classmate **Duncan Pearson** had died in August, and sent the obituary. Thanks, Harry. Duncan, a civil engineering grad, died at his home at Point Breeze in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. From the obituary I gleaned the following: After graduation he worked for consulting engineers Fay, Spofford, and Thorndike in Boston. In 1962 he joined the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, retiring in 1993 as assistant director of project development. It said "Duncan had a love and appreciation of the outdoors, particularly the Plum Island, Massachusetts, seacoast where he spent enjoyable childhood vacations at his grandparents' cottages, and of the mountains of New Hampshire and other New England states." An Appalachian Mountain Club life member, he served in the 1950s and '60s as chairman of its Wonalancet Cabin Committee where he was instrumental in many cabin improvements. A member in the club's Four Thousand Footer Club, he climbed all the four-thousand-plus-foot peaks in the New England region.

Duncan and his wife, Stephanie, lived in Bow, New Hampshire, for 30 years. In 1971 he was named the Bow Citizen of the Year due to his community involvement. They moved to Point Breeze in 1992. Since 1994, Duncan and Stephanie, parents of a daughter and two sons, divided their time between Point Breeze and a winter home in Sun City Vistoso in Oro Valley, Arizona, where he was active in hiking and woodworkers clubs. Our sympathy goes out to Stephanie and their family.

That led me to call Harry Burns and see what he'd been up to. Well, he's been doing mostly volunteer work with SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives). He's also chairman of the Rumford Water Department. At the moment he's in "good shape, alive and well, and had a flu shot." He met his wife,

Fran, when he was in the Army. They've been married almost 53 years, have three children, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Harry, a Rumford native, a civil engineering major, managed a baseball team at Maine his junior year. After graduation he started out with a contractor, then town engineer, and then joined the Department of Transportation. He talked of his roommate Jack Connor, and his roommate Duncan Pearson, who he'd meet once a year in North Conway.

I had a nice talk with classmate **Trudy Harriman Metzger**, of Westport Island, Maine (May-October), and now (October-May) in Titusville, Florida, "Therefore I cannot be president of anything," she said. She had just come back from a reunion of her late husband's World War II 1st Aircraft Assembly Squadron held in Columbus, Ohio, this year. She said out of 250 squadron members, only five were able to attend this year. She also said the jelly business is decreasing (but I wouldn't say so), with 750 jars of blueberry, raspberry, blackberry, rhubarb, cherry, and apple being made this year. (I'm getting hungry.) She brought back 20 dozen (240) for a bazaar in Florida. I'd say she's been busy, wouldn't you, let alone being active in the Silver Foxes Country Dancers, performing at the Topsham, Windsor, and Fryeburg fairs, and Boothbay Harbor's Windjammer Days this past summer.

Trudy, who considers "cook," "wash," "dust," and "iron," all four-letter words, talked of her son, Phil, a physicist at NASA, and her daughter, Sally. She also spoke of going to an Elvis Sock Hop, where poodle skirts and all were seen. And her latest? Jazzercise. Ballroom comes next. Do burn some calories for me, Trudy.

The university sent me a June 10, 2008, clipping from the *Bangor Daily News*, "UM center expansion under way in Belfast." In the photo caption: "University of Maine Hutchinson Center director, Sue McCullough, joins former university president **Fred Hutchinson** '58G at Monday's groundbreaking ceremony for the \$4 million expansion that will double the center's size and enable it to increase course offerings." Fred, our classmate, for whom the center is named, "recalled giving a talk in Belfast a number of years ago and how he remarked to a companion that the area needed an educational facility. He said Charles

Cawley and MBNA, the firm he founded, deserved the credit for filling that need and building the center. When Bank of America purchased MBNA, it donated the center to the university. The expansion was announced a year later."

Homecoming, football (we won over Northeastern 20-0), the weather, and the people were great when I returned in October for UMaine's annual event. (Where were all of you? Please try to get there next year.) This year I was prepared for the game: hat, mittens, layers of warm clothing, and blanket—and they weren't really needed. I remember one year when I got soaked and another year I got frozen.

I'll end with an excerpt from my diary, which I wrote on a University of Maine tablet for 10 days in January 1952. From January 13: "Well, this is the beginning of another week—a very busy one, too. Today has been a beautiful day—so nice and warm and sunny. This morning "Junior" (my brother, Emil Schott '52), Barbie (Girard), Joanie (Hall), and I went to the church service at the Little Theater where Reverend Wilson spoke. There were quite a few people there, and the service was very nice. This afternoon I studied over at the library, and tonight Joanie, Max Dresser, Helen Strong, and Anne Trombley went over to the Memorial Gym and took down the names of those people who had their pictures taken for the intramural, "M," and men's athletic clubs. It was loads of fun, and different. More boys. I felt so foolish. After we finished that, we went over to the snack bar and had some orange juice and then went over to the library for an hour or so.

"I did get a phone call from a young man tonight. His identity remains unknown. I was over to the library at the time of the call. I'd like to know who it was. I wrote to Mike (my future husband) tonight. I have every night for a whole week. Well, I shall go to bed, as it is now twenty minutes of eleven."

With that, I shall close. I do hope this new year brings much happiness and little sorrow. Let's try and do our best, whatever that may be. Take care. Smile always. Nancy

Don't miss a single issue of MAINE Alumni Magazine. Renew your alumni association membership promptly.

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Fall is rapidly fleeting as we prepare this column for publication in early 2009. We are increasingly excited as we approach the 55th Reunion of the Class of '54! Three planning meetings have already been held to get us underway. Can you believe that we completed our wonderful years at UMaine 55 years ago? By the time you read this publication you will have already received mailings urging your attendance at next spring's Reunion at Orono, Friday through Sunday, May 29th through the 31st. We urge you to make early off-campus reservations so we can renew and strengthen our ties.

For those of you anxious for news of former classmates, we continue to need input from you at any time in any shape or form such as this. We recently received our summer update from the Maine Association of Retirees. It contains a column entitled "From the President's Desk, **Edwin 'Ed' H. Pert**." Ed has assumed the association's leadership role for the next two years. He notes, "Nearly half of my working years were spent on the third floor of the State House being involved with the legislature." He served as clerk of the house, and if we recall correctly, for a record period of time. Ed still lives in Georgetown where he served as a town selectman for many years. Among Ed's lifelong interests, the circus remains one of his greatest.

We recently received a news release: "Peace Activists Frank '52 and **Ruth Bartlett Butler** give \$5,000 to UMaine's Peace and Reconciliation Studies." They were inspired to do so after another peace-building advocate was recognized during Reunion '08. While at UMaine, Ruth was a member of the Sophomore Eagles and All Maine Women. She was the first president

of the Student Union and was named the American Association of University Women's Outstanding Student at commencement. After her youngest child entered college, Ruth earned a master's degree in children's literature from Simmons College. A book editor and literature professor, she served as book review editor for the national magazine *Faith at Work* for about 20 years.

Just as we were going to press, we received a call from **Robert "Bob" Grover** from Clearwater, Florida, with sad news. After battling cancer for an extended period, **Barbara Buck Grover** had just passed. Classmates that knew the Grovers will remember that Bob and the family ran the village center hardware store for many years in Boothbay Harbor before enjoying retirement. Barb had devoted great energies to her special grandchild, Tanner.

A recent edition of the newsletter of Granite Hill Retirement Village in Augusta, Maine, welcomed newly arrived residents, **Ken Barnard** and his wife, Mary. They have returned to Maine to be near children here. They had enjoyed Albuquerque, New Mexico, but are happy to be back in Maine.

Finally, you may or may not have noticed that **Mary "Mac" MacKinnon Nelson's** address above has changed. Bringing this to your attention will hopefully encourage lots of submissions of news for our next class column! Hope to hear from you soon and certainly hope you'll start your Reunion planning now.

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Since this article is due in Orono while **Paul** and I are away in Virginia visiting Paul's brother and our sister-in-law, Carol and Bill Butler, and since we are leaving tomorrow, this article may be shortened somewhat this time.

Received a wonderful note from **Shirley Bostrom Hargreaves**. Her husband, Paul, suffered a broken ankle but recovered in time for them to go to Fairfield, Connecticut, to their daughter's for Shirley and



This summer Dick Clark '56 and his wife, Julie, hosted a barbecue with all the fixings for a group of Sigma Chi members and their wives at their home on Sebago Lake. Back row, left to right are: Bill Johnson '56, Al Bancroft '54, Dick Clark '56, Bill Johnson '55, and John Knowles '55. Front row: Mary Atkinson Johnson '55, Mary-Alice Hastings Bancroft '55, Marilyn Pennell Johnson '57, and Ann Dingwell Knowles '57.

Paul's 50th wedding anniversary celebration. Helping them to celebrate this great occasion was Shirley's sister Anne Bostrom Sullivan '66, who came with her husband from Oak Harbor, Washington, **Mary Bigelow Wheat**, **Norma Cumming Russell**, **Glen and Nancy Caton Dean**, and Carol deWinter Bostrom '57. Shirley and Paul then went to Montauk, New York, where their son, David, lives. David rented a cottage for them for four days. After all of this excitement, they then returned to their home in Amelia Island, Florida. Thank you so much for your news, Shirley, and congratulations to you and Paul on 50 years of marriage.

I heard at Christmas time last year that **Muriel Verrill Gade** had had a hip replacement. Muriel wrote to tell me that three months after the first operation, she went into the hospital and had surgery on her other hip. What fortitude she must have and she is again not to be "down" for long and is back in her old routine. Due to her second operation, Muriel was unable to come to Maine in the summer of 2008 but is determined to make it to Maine next summer. We look forward to seeing you then.

In August we went to South Paris, Maine, when Al '54 and **Mary-Alice Hastings Bancroft** had a wonderful get-together for about 40 Sigma Chis. A great time was had by all, and it was great to see **John and Ann Dingwell Knowles** '57, **John** '54 and **Nancy Cameron**

DeWilde, **Bill and Marilyn Pennell Johnson** '57, **Bill** '56 and **Mary Atkinson Johnson**, Al '54 and Jody Owen Bingham '56, **Lorraine and Bill Tiedemann**, Julie and Dick Clark '56, Babs and **Charlie Hussey**, Gloria and **Al Healy**, etc. There were many people whom we met for the first time. Mary-Alice and Al's daughter was a huge help for them and the lobsters were so good. Their son Mark '94 also came in to say hello. He has taken over the company Al started and was a Sigma Chi in the 1990s. The torrential rains did not hinder the joyous spirits of a wonderful time, which was had by all.

I said in my last column that Paul and I were going to Los Angeles, California, for the Rotary International Convention. We had a great time but were overwhelmed by all the traffic. We stayed in Anaheim and drove our rented car into Los Angeles, but after doing that for four days, we decided to go "south" and drove in the Newport Beach and Capistrano areas. We had a great time and were able to do a few tourist things like visiting Hollywood and Beverly Hills and were really impressed with the Hollywood Bowl, which put on a great program for the 22,000 Rotarians who were at the convention.

With all of the economic problems that we have had and the price of gasoline, there is no excuse for anyone not to write, call, or email me with how you are spending your time now and what is happening in

your life. Let's start a new trend and contact me by whatever means is convenient for you. Would love to hear from you.

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Greetings and Happy 2009. We may be getting older but we still have dreams. May your special dream come true this year. Remember our freshman dorms, West Hall for the women and Dunn and Corbett for the men. The women had required hours to be in the dorm, 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 12:10, Friday and Saturday, and 10:40 on Sunday. We took turns with door-duty and had to sign in and out every time we left the dorm except for classes. How times have changed! I was reminded of those days when I learned that my 1952 roommate has written several books based on her research of her family's history, settling in Canada in the early 17th century. **Doris Provencher Faucher** taught English at Biddeford High School. Upon her retirement in 1989 she started researching her Franco-American family's heritage. The topic was so fascinating that she wrote and self-published her first book, *The Virgin Forest*, in 1990. With the help of her family and husband, Norman, she has published two others and has a fourth one coming out very soon. So far I've read the first two. It was fascinating to learn how our ancestors—hers, French; mine, English—faced and surmounted many of the same challenges. If you have ever wondered how they survived over 300 years ago, read Doris's books; they are very well researched. Juliana L'Heureux wrote a very nice article about Doris in the August 27, 2008, *Portland Press Herald*.

Speaking of newspaper articles, on June 18, 2008, the *Bangor Daily News* carried an article that mentioned **James Moore's** book, *Human Sacrifice*, about the controversy surrounding Dennis Dechaine's conviction of the child murder of Sarah Cherry in 1988. Moore had filed and lost a lawsuit that alleged, "that investigators and prosecutors had acted improperly."

No matter how one feels about the Dechaine conviction, it is heartening to know that retired Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms agent, Moore, felt strongly enough about his convictions to write the book and file both the lawsuit and the appeal.

UMaine is often a family college.

Abbott '55 and **Kay Fletcher Mosher** called to tell me that their grandson Eric Mosher Young '08 had graduated from UMaine last June, magna cum laude in biological and chemical engineering. He's gone to UTexas in Austin for his master's work (as has our oldest grandson, Jason Varney). Other classmates' grandchildren to be proud of are scholarship winners: Anthony Piruccello, a senior in construction management technology, grandson of **Patricia Fortier Doten**; junior Lindsey Wyman, majoring in psychology, granddaughter of **Arthur and Marilyn Page Thompson**; frosh Paul Holyoke, majoring in chemistry, grandson of **Vaughn Holyoke**; and first-year civil engineering major Caleb Frederick, grandson of **Rhoda Wood Frederick** (another of my roommates). Congratulations to the "grands" and the students and thanks to all our classmates who donated to make these scholarships possible.

Art Thompson deserves a double mention this quarter. The July 30, 2008, edition of the *Presque Isle Star Herald* reports that Art and Brian Hamel achieved membership in the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table. This honor is reserved for those insurance agents who adhere to a strict code of ethics, provide excellent client service, and continue to grow professionally by involvement in at least one other industry association.

This summer **Dick Clark** and his wife, Julie, hosted a fantastic barbecue with all the fixings at their home on Sebago Lake for a bunch of UM Sigma Chis and their wives. In attendance were **Bill and Mary Atkinson Johnson** '55, Al '54 and Mary-Alice Hastings Bancroft '55, Dick and Julie Clark, Bill '55 and Marilyn Pennell Johnson '57, and Dr. John '55 and Ann Dingwell Knowles '57.

Dick Upham writes that he sold his business, Medical Supplies, this past July (to one of my former Falmouth music students). The transition was plenty hectic as they were attempting to transfer 35 years' experience in order to continue the services for their customers. Now Dick will have more time

for fun things, especially at Chesuncook Lake. All three of his daughters live in Winslow with seven grandchildren attending our old school system.

Jody Owen Bingham and husband, Allen '54, went to Houston to their oldest granddaughter's high school graduation. Two weeks later they drove down to Connecticut to see their oldest grandson also graduate from high school. He is going to Ithaca, majoring in voice, and she will be attending Tufts, majoring in biological chemistry. Jody is still busy with quilting, DAR, the Portland Alumnae group (when she can make the meetings), and volunteering at her church where she is sort of an assistant book-keeper. She and Bing went down to D.C. this summer to attend the DAR National Congress. They had one of their other granddaughters with them so did tour a bit going down and back. She said that it was fun showing her the sites and visiting family along the way. Jody also manages to walk a couple miles three to four times a week.

In April **Foster Shibles** '63G and his wife, Mickie Mitchell Shibles '58, took a road trip to Colorado to visit their oldest son, Bruce, and his family. While there they also toured the Badlands National Park, Mt. Rushmore and Custer State Park in South Dakota, and visited with family and friends on their way out and back. At the end of May they attended Mickie's Class of 1958 50th Reunion with activities in Bar Harbor and Orono. Since then they've been busy here in Maine and hoped to be permanently situated in Harrison by mid-October.

As some of you know, I send out an email asking for news each quarter. This works quite well, but I keep getting more and more addresses refused because folks change their email address and I don't have an update. Pleeeasssse, if you haven't received an "I need news" email from me, drop me an email with your new address. Be sure to indicate UM '56 so I know which list you belong in. My thanks to **Howie Jackson** '62G who sent me information on **Al Belisle** '60G. Al is in Westbrook summers and Naples, Florida, in the winters. Howie spends his winters in Englewood, Florida, and the summers in Stoneham, Maine, next to Keewaydin Lake north of Kezar Lake in Oxford County in the White Mountains. "Tough life, but SOMEONE has to do it." He went back to school after the second degree in

pulp and paper technology to get a DDS from the State University of New York at Buffalo and practiced 25 years in Scarborough before two strokes forced him out of practice. He's been lucky since then. They see a lot of alums at the hockey games in Florida after each Christmas break. Howie is trying to locate **Jan Saleeby** from Phi Mu Delta days and also finds it hard to find some of the Lambda Chi Alphas. He's looking forward to hearing of the others and hopes not TOO many have passed away. Howie hopes to make our next Reunion. That will be in 2011!

In **Pat Nelson Madach's** business she keeps sending people away but has no time to go away herself. I think she needs to do some traveling up here to Maine.

Still involved with her second career is **Judy Barker Carducci**. She has posted a lot of her pictures on her website: www.judithcarducci.com. Judy does a lot of teaching, traveling, and painting. Last summer it was China, Italy, Turkey, the Greek Islands, and mainland Greece. This summer she taught landscape painting in southern France—the beautiful Lot River Valley—and then back to Italy. Her most unusual and fun experience was playing the part of the courtroom sketch artist in LeBron James's Vitamin Water commercial, which debuted during the NBA playoffs. Visit her web site and click on the link to the story her son, David, wrote. His story was in all the local papers and was picked up by the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* and Fox News, which did their own interviews.

The *Bangor Daily News* December 8, 2007, edition featured a story about John Patrick Frawley, **John Thomas Frawley's** dad. He was among the first wave of Irish immigrants to arrive in the Bangor area in the late 19th century. The senior Frawley was a Maine "Rags to Riches" story of a man who brought himself from a penniless immigrant to an outstanding businessman and pharmacist in Bangor. Last fall, at Penobscot Valley Senior College, our '56 classmate John taught a class, "Into the Melting Pot," about the Irish immigrants. He summed up the experience for most Irish at that time in three terms: "starvation, religious persecution, and poverty."

Glacier National Park, Montana; and Winter Park, Colorado, provided the setting for **Myrilla "Rilla" Daley Carson's** vacations last year. She has also been participating in a

swimming class called Twinges in the Hinges taught by Elva Brackett Alden '57 (widow of Howie Alden '57, '58G, and my Delta Zeta sorority "daughter"). "She always makes it fun and interesting," says Rilla. She and **Woody** coordinated the Fort Collins National Day of Prayer breakfast for the seventh year. They brought nearly 500 folks together for breakfast and prayer at the local Hilton Hotel. She is still speaking at Christian women's clubs in the region and Woody is Memorial Bible chairman for the Gideons there. Their "grands" grow and thrive. Myrilla waxes philosophically, "Only a *moment ago* I was involved in the Maine Masque and just a *heartbeat ago* my girls were planning their summer vacation back in Maine. Was there a course at U of M, Orono, that taught us to savor life every day, treasure those we love always, and to preserve our health as best we can? I wish that there were such a course but would we have heeded it in our youthful, 'I'll live forever' college mindset? I think not. Care for the people you love and treasure every moment you have here on this earth."

The *Bangor Daily News* of December 5, 2007, ran a story about former athletic director **Stu Haskell's** second book, *The MAINE Book: University of Maine Athletics 1881-2007*. His earlier book, *Varsity Athletic Record Book, University of Maine, Orono*, dealt only with the history of the men's varsity teams. This book lists alphabetically all Maine sports from archery to wrestling even if the sport is no longer offered at the university. In the new book he has listed all games, scores, coaches, All-Americans, and even those who went on to play at professional levels. Stu spent nearly seven years, over 30 hours per week, researching and typing his book. He learned about sports that he wasn't even aware had existed, like the women's basketball, archery, and riflery teams that competed in the '20s. (I knew about the riflery teams because my mother, Hope Craig Wixson '28 was on one of those teams.) It will take the sale of 800 books to cover the costs and then the proceeds of sales will go to a need-based athletic scholarship fund which will be administered by the University of Maine Foundation.

Alta Kilton McDonald sent a great clipping from the June 27, 2008, edition of the *Jamaica Plain Gazette* about **Gerry Wright**. Gerry was honored with the Robert F. Kennedy Embracing the Legacy

Award at the John F. Kennedy Library June 11. Gerry has been a tireless advocate for children for 50 years. He also grows a long, flowing beard and gives a monologue re: Frederick Law Olmsted. Gerry is well known in Jamaica Plain and loves to confound the locals by singing the "Maine Stein Song" from his car when he passes a UMaine alum.

I am constantly amazed by the accomplishments of our classmates. They just do their thing and don't make a lot of noise doing it. You are all wonderful. Please keep the news and clippings coming and let me know any new email addresses. Stay warm this winter. Faith

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The afternoon of the day I had mailed the last news packet to Orono, **Bob** and Maryann **Dragoon** pulled up beside my son's house in Bethel for a "dooryard call." They were happily back in Hanover for the summer. Bob has been instrumental in having Howard Pond, an elevated, deep, and cold body of water, get a device to assist in measuring global warming installed this spring ('09) to collect data for the use of the natural sciences department under Dr. Daniel Buckley at the University of Maine at Farmington.

"Life is good, but you have to keep up with the changes. Every once in a while I think of what has happened over the years, in a lot of different ways. Things have changed quickly," is the quote used to sum up the interview **Dave Maxcy** gave to the latest reporter to interview him for the local paper. He still is on call as a substitute teacher, and still works for Cavendish Farms during the planting and harvesting seasons, serves as tax assessor for Mapleton, and is on the board of directors for Maine Sports Legends. In the house on Griffin Ridge Road, he and **Janet Griffin Maxcy** raised a family of seven children whom they enjoy visiting in their "quality time," including one who lives in Colombia.

Lois Whitcomb, Pat Wade Fraker, and I were pleased to join the '58 "ladies who lunch" in Round Pond the end of June for a day with delightful weather, hand-printed name tags, a delectable cold salmon luncheon prepared by Round Pond's Anchor Inn, and a great group of gals. Chuck and Cyn Rockwell Wright's '58 summerhouse is spacious and comfortable and Wright Stuff Antiques is easily visible across the field from the breezy rear deck. Possibly the most exciting happening of the day was Lois Perkins Cross's '58 presentation of third, second, and first place awards for upper arm fitness, with much careful explanation resulting in hearty bursts of laughter from the assembled group. UMaine blues were the predominant color in the decorations and garb of attendees. Marilyn Graffam Clark '58 wore her second big "M" T-shirt the entire time, as the person she was to swap with didn't show up.

The milestone 25th Jiggs Golf Tournament took place on July 15 at Natanis in Vassalboro with "**Hutch**" **Hutchinson, Kosty, and Jiggs** '63G playing for the class with **Bob** and wife, Mary Jane Glidden **Provencher** '58, being the '57 cheering section. The weather was beautiful! About 47 people attended and the gang voted to continue on the third Tuesday in July as long as they can keep it going. Jiggs spoke of the great participation from the attendees, who let him know who was coming and made up their own teams. This is really the annual mini-reunion for the guys—golf is the excuse!

Dick Anderson's first position was with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Game where he specialized in salmon and found that DDT was causing a problem. Soon after, both the state and private owners stopped spraying and the salmon rebounded in Sebago Lake. His next project, as executive director of Maine Audubon, was to get the bottle bill passed and call attention to the discharge of sewage and industrial waste into the Presumpscot and other rivers. He moved on to running a private recycling business and hosting "UpCountry," a television program about Maine's outdoors. As commissioner of the Department of Conservation he promoted land conservation, river cleanups, wood-fired power plants, and the St. Croix International Waterway. His last cause was extending the Appalachian Trail into New Brunswick and

Quebec and that has continued into Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Now he hopes to see trail sections established on that portion of that same mountain range that continues in Spain and Portugal.

This past summer all descendants of **Phil** '58G and **Sylvia Mackenzie Emery** descended on the Deep Creek Lake area in the Allegheny Mountains of western Maryland for a celebratory Golden Family Week. With numbers at 18 and counting, they rented a lake house for added accommodations and Phil made sure his Cobalt 260 and another powerboat were available along with some inflatable floats for pulling, for the use of the group that has eight grandsons and two granddaughters.

The marriage of **Bob** '48 and **Janet Malcolm Buck** took place five years ago and they marked the anniversary with a trip to the British Isles.

The third Thursday in August arrived with good weather, and a group of 32 UM alumnae and friends with varied graduation years visited the venerable Lawnmere in Southport for a pleasant and delicious luncheon gathering arranged by Pat Wade Fraker in a lovely waterside setting. Many took advantage of the trip and visited the developing Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay before lunch. Attending alums were Norma Smaha '54, Emily Smaha Delmonaco '51, Mickey Mitchell Shibles '58, Ginny Freeman '58, **Barbara Coy Thaxter, Cali Perkins, Barbara Swann Pineau, Sandra Daley Denman** '58, Carole Buzzell Ranco '58, Cynthia Rockwell Wright, Midge Grispi '60, '71G, Lois Whitcomb, Jean Partridge Mason '56, Pat Wade Fraker, Mary Ellen Sanborn Bradford '59, Dottie Foster O'Donoghue '59, Tade Osier Cross '60, **Charlotte Swan, Jane Barker, Connie Atherton Martin** '60, Evelyn Whitney Foster '56, **Claudia Halle Higgins**, Alice Kelson Longmore '56, Kay Fletcher Mosher '56, and Linda Giles Jones '59.

I had a note from **Judy White Boothby**, concerning the flowers we brought home from our 50th Reunion: "The potted daisies languished behind the garage and were moved two months later to a flower bed . . . This summer of '08, the plants got a running start; and we have a crop of bold, vigorous, and beautiful Maine daisies. Thank you so much, UM botanists!"

After ascertaining that we were

not "snowbirds," Dan Hatch '49 put our names on the list for a delicious luncheon provided by The Highlands for University of Maine graduates in the area. Many familiar faces from the alumni office were present and the next major objective is to rebuild the Pit. This is the last area to come up for rebuilding in the phys ed department.

I enjoyed going to Dave '60, '62G and Ann Hastings Morton's '60, '95G camp in Naples at the end of the summer and visiting with Marie Ifill Jordan '60, George '45 and Roberta Wyer Morrill '58, Carol Iverson Kauffman '60, Marcia Meade Troyer '61, Dan '58 and Nancy Woods Rearick '61, and Ann Cruickshank Ingalls '59, who was prepared to thoroughly enjoy swimming in Trickey Pond and did!

Aimee and Erika, granddaughters of **Mary Lou Hughes Richardson**, have moved to the Orono campus and are enjoying their first taste of college life.

Belated best wishes to **Franklin Atwater Weston** and Stanley Keith Pearce, who were married October 24, 2008, in Palm Springs, California. Both men are retired law librarians, who worked for several years at major law firms and law schools in New York City, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

Franklin earned his master's degree in library service from Columbia University in 1962. He recently retired from working as a reference librarian at the Rancho Mirage Public Library. He previously retired from a 14-year career with the University of San Diego Law Library.

The couple met in 1963 at an American Association of Law Libraries meeting in Michigan. They have been domestic partners since 1971 and just returned from a three-week trip to Vietnam and Cambodia. They reside in Rancho Mirage, California.

Thank you, everyone, for sending your news. Keep it up and happy 2009!

Express your Black Bear pride! Be sure to renew your alumni association membership promptly.

Better yet, consider a lifetime membership!

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Happy New Year! I don't know where the time goes these days. I thought when you retired you had plenty of time to do what you wanted to, when you wanted to, and how you wanted to. No such luck—I am either busier than a one-armed paper hanger or I'm moving much slower than I thought.

Halver Stedman and his wife, Sandy, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the St. Augustine, Florida, Shrine Club. Also celebrating 50 years of wedded bliss were **Allen Ross '66G** and his wife, Amelda. The Rosses live in Dexter while the Stedmans can be found in Newport or St. Augustine, Florida. Received a very nice letter from Justin Chase, one of the recipients of the Class of '58's scholarship fund. Justin, who will graduate in May of 2009, is majoring in psychology as well as taking minors in sociology and family relations.

Jane Quimby Biscoe and husband, Mark '57, '67G, have moved from Waldoboro to Brunswick. Jane says that taking care of house and grounds was getting to be "been there, done that" and having time for travel and grandkids was a better way to spend their time.

Thomas C. Stover, Jr. (TCS77@att.net) writes that after graduation, he spent some time as a chemical engineer in research and development in Tarrytown, New York, before attending Fordham University Law School. He graduated in 1966 with a law degree as a patent attorney. While attending Fordham, he got actual practice in patent work with Union Carbide. In 1968 he joined a small general practice firm in Marblehead, which gave him and his family easy access to Maine. In 1989, he began working for the USAF patents division at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, Massachusetts. Since 2006 he has been doing the same work at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio. In his spare time, Tom does cross-country skiing in Ohio and Maine. He enjoys biking around York County and canoeing at Moosehead Lake. He is also doing renovations on his home in Marblehead. Tom



Class of 1958 members Sandra Daley Denman (left) and Cynthia Rockwell Wright sold musical UMaine bottle openers at the Homecoming craft fair in October. The openers, which play a rendition of the "Stein Song," sell for \$12 each and can be purchased by calling 1-800-934-2586 (ext. 1185). Orders can be picked up at Buchanan Alumni House. Proceeds will benefit the '58 class fund.

and Judith have three children and seven grandchildren.

Albert L. Godfrey, Sr. (ALCONNIE@gmail.com) graduated with a degree in civil engineering. He received an advanced degree in traffic engineering from Northwestern University. One of his favorite memories of UMaine is trying to convince the Orono Fire Department that the Theta Chi house was fully involved with fire the first night of Hell Week. Al retired from state employment in February of 1989. He spent 35 years, much of the time with the Maine Department of Transportation, beginning as a survey crew chief and ending as director of the bureau of safety and deputy commissioner of the department of public safety. He served as chairman of the Maine Highway Commission, and vice chair of the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission. Following his retirement, he became president of Godfrey Engineering. The firm does consulting and forensic engineering. Al says he is still working on a few cases. He is active with the Lions Club and the

Knights of Columbus and enjoys kayaking, fishing, and hunting. Al and his wife, Connie, (USM) live in Winthrop and have five children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Wayne G. Sanborn (WGSanborn@yahoo.com), a member of Sigma Chi, graduated with a degree in public management. He holds an M.S. in government administration from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. While at UMaine, Wayne was a member of the ski and golf teams and played intramural basketball. He says he has fond memories of ski trips, fraternity days, and supporting the football team. He has been city manager of Titusville, Arcadia, and Deland, Florida, retiring in July of 1999. He was a real estate developer and builder from 1974 to 1992. He has been responsible for the developing and building of subdivisions, shopping centers, condominiums, and destination resorts during that time. Wayne says that he spends time at his summer place in

Norway, Maine, each year and is heavily involved with sports, especially basketball, during the rest of the year.

Hope your holidays were happy and that 2009 will treat you well. Keep in mind your alumni dues and consider taking out a life membership (one less check to write) so that the alumni magazine will continue to come to your door, keeping you abreast of the activities at UMaine and our next Reunion in 2013.

1959

50th Reunion
May 29-31, 2009

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Greetings to all '59ers! I understand that by the time you read this it will

be 2009 —so Happy New Year to you all! This is THE YEAR for our 50th Reunion! As a reminder for your calendar and travel plans it is May 29, 30, and 31. The reunion committee is working hard on plans and we want to see you all there to share our amazing milestone. How about contacting your best friends and getting a group together to attend? Don't forget that there will be a pre-Reunion trip to Bar Harbor also. Specific schedules and reservation information will be sent soon. If anyone who reads this has not been getting the mailings please let me know.

Last August 30, **Bob** and I attended the Maine-Iowa football game in Iowa! Even though the score was not in our favor it was a wonderful experience to see our Black Bear team take the field in a Big 10 stadium holding 70,000 people! The night before the game we had dinner with the contingent who had flown in from Maine including our class president, **Dick Collins**, and vice president, **Will Farnham** with wife, Elanna Crowley Farnham '81. Before the game there was a tailgate brunch, which was also attended by President and Mrs. Kennedy. The whole weekend was a great experience.

I have received several news items to share. **Anne Christiansen Sleeper** writes that she and husband, Dave '58, returned to Maine in 1974 after the unfortunate accidental death of their son. They moved to Hermon with daughters Kimberly Sleeper Thareja '83 and Beth. The following year they adopted a then eight-year-old son. She has retired from teaching after 30+ years. She is in touch with **Donna Grant Rauschke**, **Lois Brown Jordan '65G**, **Ann Proctor Wing**, **Gwen Hughey Kinney**, and **Evie Stevens Smith '87G**. They all plan to be at Reunion!

The four children of **Niles Nelson '60G** and **Ronnie Stather Nelson '60** recently hosted a 50th wedding anniversary party for their parents attended by over 75 friends and family. Niles and Ronnie winter in Surfside Beach, South Carolina, and summer at their cottage on Alamoosook Lake in Orland. He is still working in his chosen profession as football coach and is defensive coordinator for Husson University. Ronnie has retired from teaching. They are looking forward to our 50th Reunion.

Alola Giffin Morrison writes that her granddaughter, Kristen Morrison, is a freshman at UMaine.

She is the fourth generation to attend. Alola is married to **Joe Morrison** '67G. Their son Mark was Class of '85 and Alola's parents, Alvin and Viola Purinton Giffin, were in the Class of 1931. Great family! Alola completed a dietetic internship at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston after graduation and has worked as a registered dietitian since then. She was a Lt.JG in public health service and a major in the U.S. Army Reserve. She has also served as president of the Maine Dietetic Association. Joe was a science teacher and vice principal of Fifth Street School, as well as principal at Fruit Street and Mary Snow Schools, Bangor.

Rudy Stoczek's daughter has sent some interesting news about her father. He and wife, Arlene, are enjoying retirement. Rudy has had a lengthy career as instructor/director of fisheries, wildlife, and forest management programs at Maritime Forest Ranger School and the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. He is a well-known authority on Eastern Canadian bald eagles and still does consulting work and research presentations. He has published three books including *Through the Eye of an Eagle*, which won him the Independent Publishers Award for Best Regional Non-Fiction in 2007. Rudy's other major interest is in music and he plays the tuba and accordion in a Dixieland band, October-fest band, brass quartet, UNB band, and Fredericton Concert and Marching Band!

Leith and Donna Wadleigh, founders of the popular Governor's Restaurant and bakery chain, have been awarded the 2008 Bill Zoidis Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maine Restaurant Association. Governor's started in 1960 and has grown to include seven locations. The award honors those who successfully combine hospitality, quality, and generosity while setting a high standard for excellence. The Wadleighs are also longtime supporters of Eastern Maine Medical Center, Maine Center for the Arts, and Good Samaritan Agency.

I have recently been informed that the recipient of our 1959 scholarship for the 2008-2009 academic year has been awarded to Justin Ouellette of Poland, a junior majoring in business administration. Most importantly, Justin is the grandson of classmate **Maurice Ouellette!** This is a wonderful example of what our contributions to our class fund can accomplish. Please think about giving generously to our class fund in this our Reunion year. Remember



Some 1959 classmates were among the UMaine fans who traveled to Iowa City to watch the Black Bears take on Division I Iowa in early September. Left to right are: **Will Farnham** (class vice president), **Bob Munson**, **Nancy Roberts Munson** (class correspondent), and **Dick Collins** (class president).

to specify Class of 1959 Fund when sending your contributions.

Let us think about the fact that "The university owes us nothing—we owe the university a lot."

See you in Orono May 29, 30, and 31!

1960

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A very happy New Year to the Class of 1960. We are now just one year away from our 50th Reunion in 2010. Since our graduation we have all met amazing classmates we did not have the good fortune to know in college, and many of us have kept very close ties to those who we knew and loved in our wonderful four years in Orono.

While planning your schedules for the New Year, do plan carefully so you can return for one of the most important reunions of all. If you have not yet joined InCircle give it the old college try. Go to mainealumni.com and click on InCircle. Encourage your classmate friends to do so also. Start connecting with friends and classmates for a very historic return to the college of our hearts always.

The first 50th Reunion planning meeting took place Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at Buchanan Alumni

House with a satellite location at **Connie Atherton Martin's** home in Scarborough. Class officers who attended and participated via phone were: **Nancy Morse Dysart** and **Gail Mallet Rae** in Orono; and **Sandra Page**, **Connie Atherton Martin**, **Joanne Keith Sullivan**, and yours truly were present at **Connie's** home. **Steve Howe** and **Bob Sterritt** '61G called in from Massachusetts and Colorado. We worked via speaker phones with UMAA staff members **Chris Corro**, events coordinator; **Valerie Mitchell**, reunion giving coordinator; and **Todd Saucier** '93, '97G, president and executive director.

A timeline has been set up for a follow-up meeting before the end of 2008. We will review questionnaires and set a fundraising goal. You will be receiving through spring and summer of 2009 various mailings for a concentrated effort of contacts to all of you. In March of 2010 there will be a final "hurrah" and the Reunion brochure will be mailed the next month.

You might also be interested in current class funds. The 1960 academic/athletic scholarship fund as of April 30, 2008, was \$21,814 and the fair market value was \$29,170. The 1960 class fund as of July 31, 2008, was \$4,988. I was told in-state tuition was \$12,000 but the guidance office at Greely told me it had gone up to \$14,000. As of now, we still need a class agent. **Steve** and **Bob** have agreed to work on fundraising and they would accept help.

Now for those of you in the early stages of planning I have an exem-

plary example for you. **Rick Lloyd**, who lives in Hawaii, is going to try to arrange a flight to Vancouver and take a train from there to Quebec City. He will then come to Maine to visit a cousin in Warren, Maine, and hopefully find his way to Orono. Rick has a fabulous restored '40s Studebaker that was the star of a 4th of July parade. He sends an Aloha to all of us.

Pre-reunion activities will most likely take place at the Kimball Terrace Inn in Northeast Harbor on Wednesday and Thursday, June 2nd and 3rd. We will be on campus Thursday evening, with a class lounge in the Foster Board Room at Buchanan Alumni House. Area hotels will be reserved with special designations and reserved spaces for us.

Now, on a lighter side, **Sandy Page** went on a birding expedition to Iceland, and who did she meet up with on a glacier but **Marie Ifill Jordan**. There they were on the lava flow, birding and discovering the diversity of the Icelandic landscape. Marie also has had similar birding adventures in Ecuador, Panama, Trinidad, and Tobago. (You can reach Marie at mijordan@maine.rr.com.)

Debbie Arnold Parlin called from New Hampshire. All is well with Deb and Art '61. They are enjoying time in Florida this winter but will head north after two weeks as the grandchildren are just more fun than the beach.

Diane Wiseman Linscott has established a scholarship fund to honor a former UMaine music major and band member of her trio. **Jim Howe** '69 died a year ago last fall. **Diane** of Castine, Maine, and **Anna Maria Beach**, Florida, has organized a benefit in **Howe's** memory on July 19, 2009, at Minsky Recital Hall in the Class of 1944 Hall, to raise funds for the **Jim Howe '69 Memorial Scholarship Fund**. The scholarship will be managed by the University of Maine Foundation, and will benefit future University of Maine music students. I will write more about this in the spring issue. **Diane** is highly respected for her music and I kidded her about being the Class of 1960's own **Peggy Lee**. It would seem that we might have a mini reunion at the concert.

Of all the members of the Class of 1960 only 79 persons have been receiving the alumni magazine. Perhaps that is one reason why it has been such a challenge for me to get news. The Class of 1959 is currently sponsoring the **MAINE**

Alumni Magazine. Several editions preceding the 50th Reunion, and one post Reunion will be sent to all 1959 classmates regardless if they are dues-paid members of the alumni association or current donors. Perhaps the Class of 1960 might be interested in a smaller sponsorship of fewer issues.

Again, check with the InCircle web page. Take care, God bless, and fill the steins to dear old Maine. Please send news.

1961

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Excited to say that my email correspondence with classmates provided me with a treasure trove of class news.

Cornelia "Neil" Proctor Jenness and husband are retired in Chesterfield, New Hampshire. They both garden—he does the vegetables and lawn; Neil grows the flowers. "A great year with enough (understatement) rain for once," says Neil, who is also active in both the local historical society and the countywide one. She is president of both at the moment. The society published a very successful book on Spofford Lake—her cottages and resorts. Neil is also a trustee and the treasurer of the local Methodist church. They spent a weekend in September at the Highland Games at Loon Mountain, New Hampshire, and, according to Neil, could hear the echo of bagpipes for many weeks to follow! The Jenness' oldest daughter is a weaver and a Red Sox fan. Their youngest lives in Wareham, Massachusetts, with two grand dogs and is a recreational aide in the Alzheimer's wing of a nursing home.

Blake '62 and **Alethe Flint Donaldson** enjoyed a Thomaston fall weekend visit with **Sandra Young Fowler** '73G and her husband, Jack, of Wayne. Blake and Sandy shared stories about Maine town libraries; Blake works in Thomaston and Sandy in Belgrade. Alethe writes in September that they were busy making plans for their daughter's wedding on a paddleboat on Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania. "Since this is in the Pennsylvania 'snow belt' we are hoping for warm



Kay Allen '61 gives two-year-old black Lab, Promise, a home on weekends while she is being trained as a service dog. "She spends weekends getting a break from kennel life, meeting new people, and experiencing new sights, sounds, and places," Kay says. Promise will soon be matched with a person needing a service dog.

October weather!" writes Alethe. Their son and daughter from New Jersey and all six of their grandchildren attended the family event.

Jane Judy Carroll emailed that she is very happily retired in the mountains of western North Carolina near Asheville. She spent the last 10 years of her professional life teaching in the counseling department at the University of North Carolina Charlotte. Jane still has a small private practice out of her home in Black Mountain, North Carolina. The rest of Jane's time is spent in the pottery studio, volunteering for political and social justice causes, writing, and working on her rustic (old) house in the woods. Jane's two sons are grown and she has three wonderful grandchildren. At this writing, Jane was undergoing some medical care or else she would have been with the Red Cross as a mental health volunteer working with Hurricane Ike survivors. She went to Mississippi and then to New Orleans after Katrina and saw how bad it can be and how many need help.

John '64 and **Carol Wescott Peters** took their 15-year-old-grandson, Jack, on a month-long tour of Alaska—his first, their third trip there. They went from Fairbanks to

Prudhoe Bay. Then to backcountry Denali, 90 miles in to Kantishna; Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula—Homer Spit and Seward—and back to Anchorage. It was a great trip and it gave them some quality time with Jack. Next summer they will take granddaughter Katie on the trip of her choice. Super grandparents. Their son, Jeff, is a commander in the Navy JAG Reserve, looking forward to making captain soon. He is a senior partner and shareholder in the Portland law firm of Preti Flaherty, and doing great. John and Carol met Vince '62, '70G and **Gingee Buckley Franco** for lunch in Waterville this summer.

After six lovely weeks in Boothbay Harbor, **Nancy Rich Marbury** and husband spent less than a week home in Baltimore before leaving for South Africa to visit their son

and his wife who are Peace Corps volunteers northwest of Pretoria. The kids have been gone for a year, so this is their halfway point. Nancy wrote that they hope to see lots of spring flowers in Capetown and the vineyards around the city. At this writing, Nancy's oldest son and his wife were expecting a baby girl at the end of October—the first girl in their family for a couple of generations!

Congratulations to **Ann Corbett Lucas** for participating in a 60-mile marathon walk last summer. The walk benefited the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund. Ann and her husband, **Bob**, live in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. On the political front, **James Stevens**, living in Newark, Vermont, ran for the Vermont Senate. Over the years James has been active in advocating for sensible tax reform and a better way to fund education. For folks interested in Maine history, **Allan Levinsky** penned *A Short History of Portland* which takes readers from the city's founding in the 17th century to the present day. **Ernie Ridlon** and wife, Connie, enjoyed a week at the Outer Banks, North Carolina, where a group of senior alums from Butler High School (New Jersey) held a mini-reunion. I joined

them for four days of rough surf and blowing sand but it was most enjoyable. My bits of news are (1) I'm still not retired (arrggghhh!), (2) my eldest, Lore, survived Hurricane Ike in Houston (no electricity for 10 days), and (3) youngest Army-kid Gingee was promoted to lieutenant colonel a year before she was eligible. The "prize" is another year in Iraq coming up in April with mama getting the dog again.

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Happy New Year to everyone. I hope this column finds you all happy, healthy, and warm.

Thanks again to all of you that have given so generously to the Valerie Beck Sterritt Scholarship Fund. Forty-seven years after our graduation, this fund now actively helps the grandchildren of our classmates obtain their degrees from UMaine. This year three more students received the scholarship. Recipient Katrina Bansmer is a first-year student who plans to use her scholarship to pursue an education in the Explorations Program at Orono. Katrina, who lives in Augusta, is the granddaughter of classmate **Robert Jordan**. Freshman Kelly Barker is the granddaughter of **Bruce Barker**. In her thank-you note to the class, Kelly writes, "I will be paying for college on my own and am eternally appreciative for your gracious gift. I am majoring in nutrition, in hopes of working after graduation for an institute helping people who suffer from eating disorders. This past summer I worked on campus with Mike Dougherty '76 in his nutrition lab studying the effects of viscosity on satiety. Your scholarship is one more step in making my dream possible." For the second year, sophomore Kevin Price has been awarded this scholarship. Kevin, who holds a double major in political science and financial economics, is the grandson of Ron and **Trudy Chambers Price**. A third generation Black Bear, Kevin is very active on campus. He is a Sophomore Owl, the Class of 2011 public relations chair, and a student senator. Kevin writes, "I truly value this scholarship. It has helped me combat the rising

cost of education and ensure that I can spend more time and energy focusing on my education and extracurricular activities and less time worrying about how I am going to pay my bill or purchase necessary textbooks. Thank you for your generous contribution to my education." We can all take pride in the impact we are making in these outstanding young students' education.

This past summer most of us celebrated our 50th high school reunions. **Millie Simpson Stewart** sent me an email about the 50th at Brunswick High School. She had a wonderful time and got to see many UMaine '62 classmates as well. Attending the reunion were Ron '59 and **Joleen Barker Howard** of Port Charlotte, Florida; **Ben** and **Marian Beaudoin** of North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania; Gary and **Roberta Potter Savage** of Fayetteville, New York; **Virginia Dyer Bousum** of Kingfield; Dana '67, '68G and Marilyn McIntyre Cary '65 of Topsham; **Sally Kennett Juenemann** and Bob Hadlock of Freeport; and **Walter** and **Peggy Deraps Higgins** '64, **Judy Morgan Conant**, Ed and **Judy Zottoli Floyd**, and Al and **Millie Simpson Stewart**, all of Brunswick. While Roberta was still on vacation in Maine, she and Millie traveled to Northport for a mini-reunion lunch with **Liz Ames Moran** and her husband, Andrew, at their lovely home on Penobscot Bay.

In August I attended my 50th reunion of Bar Harbor High School. Classmates **Bob Blake**, Joe Norton '64, and **Ruth McAllian McKay** were also in attendance. Bob, retired from Mobil Oil, is living in Hilton Head, South Carolina. He and wife, Judy, enjoy golf, reading, and traveling. Joe is now retired as president and managing partner of Taylor Engineering in Auburn. He and wife, Sandy, enjoy summers in Maine and winters in Naples, Florida. Joe is also an avid golfer and manages to play three or four times a week throughout the year. While Ruth grew up in Bucksport, her husband, Jim McKay, is a Bar Harbor grad, and I am always pleased when we can get together at island functions. The McKays are also retired and living in Hollis. They recently returned from a trip to Japan to visit their son and his family. I was lucky enough to see Ruth twice this summer. In July, **Gale Brewer** spent two weeks in Bar Harbor and we all had a chance to enjoy some time catching up and looking at the great



Class of 1962 members Liz Ames Moran (left), Millie Simpson Stewart (center), and Bobbie Potter Savage enjoyed getting together at Liz's Northport, Maine, home this past summer.

pictures Ruth brought back from her time in Japan. Gale is retired and lives in Sausalito, California, but always manages a trip home to Maine each summer.

Class president, **Nancy Nichols Hogan** '65G, and her husband, Dick '60, joined us for dinner last September. Nancy and I spent part of the evening talking about plans for our 50th UMaine Reunion.

We'd like to hear from you. While 2012 may seem a long way off, we all know that time does have a way of rushing past us. If you have any ideas about ways to make this very important Reunion more memorable, please send them to me with some news about yourself and your family.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you.

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Well, it's happened—total silence from the class . . . not a word from anyone since seeing so many at our 45th Reunion! Someone must have retired, traveled, or seen someone else from the class. It's hard to keep everyone up on all our friends if you don't contact me with your news!

I did go to Maine with **Marcia Roak Fitzgerald** in September. We spent a few days on the beach at Pine Point. On the way, I visited with

Carolyn Vickery Burks in Northfield, Massachusetts. She is in a nursing home with M.S. Carolyn is still one beautiful lady. I just wish she were able to get up and run with the rest of us.

In September, **Nancy Buckminster Lane** visited Marcia in Marlboro, Massachusetts. They drove to Marblehead, Massachusetts, to visit with **Pat Small Flaherty**. Pat is in the process of selling her house and moving into a condo in Marblehead. **Jane Parmalee Harmes** also visited with Marcia this summer. Marcia seems to be Chi O central for the East.

Baron Hicken was in California visiting his son and also visited **Chubb** '64G and Val Raymond **Michaud** '62. Last summer they bought a place in Boothbay Harbor and Baron visited them there too!

When you read this, I will be in Fort Myers, Florida (January to March) enjoying the warmth of the sun. I hope your winter is a mild one and if you are in the southwest Florida area, let me know. I can be reached by the above email address.

1964

45th Reunion
May 29-31, 2009

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Although I am writing this during crackling colorful leaves time, it is snappy winter as you are reading this, and I hope the politics and economy have been good to you during the interim. It is October 8, and we are in our second week of economic crisis with the market falling and the bail-out seeming to have little if any effect, and it will be interesting to look back when this is published. Being in real estate means being at the heart of many persons' serious problems. Our company just sent a national email asking every associate in the nation to find one person who is facing loss of their home, and give whatever time it takes to help them find the right resources to work this out. I am proud of Coldwell Banker when they take this kind of stand. The other side of the real estate issue is not just the lender liquidity problem, but truthfully personal confidence. Most of the failed deals I have seen reflect the buyers' fears about their own future, not the transaction at all. It's hard for so many. The nice thing I am seeing is a return from the material orientation to WHO you are rather than WHAT you wear, drive, or live in. You see how wonderful being a sociology/economics major makes the rest of your life?!

Now about you—your class officers, "our president **Ken Beal** and company" are working to deliver a really fun 45th Reunion May 29-31, 2009. If you have ideas or time to help, please contact Ken at barney@kenbeal.com. More people are always needed as these events near. Visit the class webpage at www.mainealumni.org/classpages/1964.htm. And please email: ashley.senecal@umit.maine.edu to add your name to the roster of those who plan to attend.

Ken Beal sent a newsy update. His ROTC commission was deferred after UMO graduation so he could complete his master's at the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences, College of William and Mary. When he did enter active duty, it was as oceanographer for the Baltimore District, Army Corps of Engineers. After the service he was recruited by the National Marine Fisheries Service HQ and was moved to the agency's northeast region in Gloucester in 1977. He and wife, Helen Johnston Beal '66, moved into an 1890 Victorian house, from which they raised four kids and enjoy two grandkids. They love traveling, often visiting family in the Mt. Desert Island area and Venice, Florida. His job with the department



Celebrating UMaine's 1965 Tangerine Bowl Appearance

The 1965 Black Bear football team members enjoyed a cruise down the Penobscot River in September as part of a weekend of events at UMaine. Over 30 teammates showed up for the reunion, which was organized by Ron Lanza '66, Paul Pendleton '67, Walt Nelson '67, Dennis Doyle '67, Bill Pasquill '67, '71G, John Perkins '68, and Jerry Perkins '67. The weekend started off with a Friday golf tournament at Penobscot Valley Country Club followed by an evening banquet featuring former Black Bear coaches Harold Westerman and Walt Abbott '58, '65G and current head coach Jack Cosgrove '78, '84G. And on Saturday, along with the cruise, there was a complimentary lunch at the Sea Dog in Bangor and a pre-football game reception at the UMaine president's home. The group then attended the Black Bears' victory over Stony Brook at Alford Sports Stadium.

The 1965 team is the only one to ever win the Yankee Conference championship and be invited to a bowl game.

of fisheries saw him travel throughout the country, Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, Scotland, England, Mexico, China, and Canada, and he retired in 2005 with a sense of real accomplishment, but not to relax. He still believes in "work hard and play hard" and sails, fishes, bay scallops, duck hunts, and enjoys time with his buddies and families. AND he runs our class obligations to boot!

Gerald Ellis, state champion in cross-country for a couple of years, served in Vietnam after graduating from UMO, and completed his career as director of the University of Maine College Success Programs with 33 years in the Onward Program. The Onward Program helps lower-income students and students who are the first in their families to earn four-year degrees at the University of Maine. He and fellow biker, John Hwalek, an associate professor of chemical engineering at UMaine, dipped their bikes into the Pacific Ocean in Anacortes, Wash-

ington, on June 18, then biked 4,300 miles home to the Atlantic Ocean in Bar Harbor, peddling to raise their goal of \$20,000, for the Onward scholarships.

Dave Thompson '66G, retired forester and sawmill manager, is working with the Orono Land Trust and Bangor Land Trust to protect a patchwork of natural areas adjacent to one of the most populated areas of Maine. Two miles from the Bangor Mall is one part of the giant puzzle that is being converged into an unbroken green corridor from Bangor's residential and commercial districts to the northern end of Pushaw Lake in Hudson. Preserving these areas for walking, biking, bird or wildlife watching, snowmobiling, and other activities is one of the hopes of these people who are trying to relieve some of the burden from local communities that are stretched too thin. **Louis Stack** ran for Standish town council on the issues of keeping taxes low and implementing the town's plan for

growth and economic development. Louis's plan includes bringing small businesses to town that will alleviate the need for residents to leave to find what they need.

Phyllis Marriner Farrington recently had one of those big thrills. She attended the University of Maine graduation in May to watch her niece receive her master's degree and then took a drive around "memory lane." As most of us who haven't seen the campus in decades, she was so amazed by the growth.

Thomas Power '68G won the 2008 Vermont Playwrights Award in June for his play *Small Talk*. Power has served as artistic director of the Children's Theatre of Maine, collaborated with Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. in a rewrite of *Happy Birthday, Wanda June*, and staged a number of Vonnegut's works. **Helen Preble Grotton** took the time to write me. Many of you may not know Helen, because she joined our class after starting her adult life and having two

boys, but nights and weekends and summers she stuck to it and got her degree. Such admirable determination and what an example to her children! Helen is 90 now and able to live her widowed life in her own home. She gardens and shines her pride on her two sons. I am sure she would love to see any of us in her Bangor home if you choose to stop by and share a smile with this gritty lady!

Nancy Durette Gregorczyk writes that retirement has given her sunny Florida husband, and self, time to travel and live on their own time clock. **Richard and Celia Kaplan** are joyously announcing their new granddaughter, Eleanor Jane Kaplan. Eleanor's big sister, Anna Madeline, is now three and being a great big sister!

From St. Louis, Missouri, **Betsy Hall Domoto**, works at a "virtuoso" travel agency called Judy Peil Travel—I think we should all call her, because so many travel agencies are a clerical service only!—and has a thriving life. Her husband (professor of medicine, nephrology doctor, and J.D. in health law) and she have one daughter who graduated from Stanford and is now a practicing attorney in L.A. I said thriving because in addition to professional success, they seem to be having more fun than typical. The owners of her travel agency have a home in the wine country of South Africa, so they all go every so often. Betsy says travel in Africa is truly an amazing and life-changing experience. Oh yes, she also spent six months in Provence and is definitely finding her job a low-profit but full-circle stimulating kind of work. Betsy reports that her roommate, **Pris Maden Daly**, is now in Florida, and that it was while she and Pris were sharing an apartment in Connecticut that they both met their husbands, students at Yale Medical School, so they are all still very tight friends today. She also sees **Judy Dresser Campbell** whenever she is back in Maine. As I am struggling with the real estate world, I am thinking about calling Betsy to trade lives for two years or so, sigh!

That seems to be the news of the moment. I so love hearing from you all. Don't go to Maine in May without your cameras and notebooks. I will look for stories from all of you!

Don't forget to renew your alumni association membership.

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It was nice to get at least one response from the free *MAINE Alumni Magazine* issue. It was from **Jane Kazutow Pampalone**, who graduated from Ellsworth High School with my older sister, Mary. She liked my column and other articles so she said she would be joining the alumni association to receive future issues.

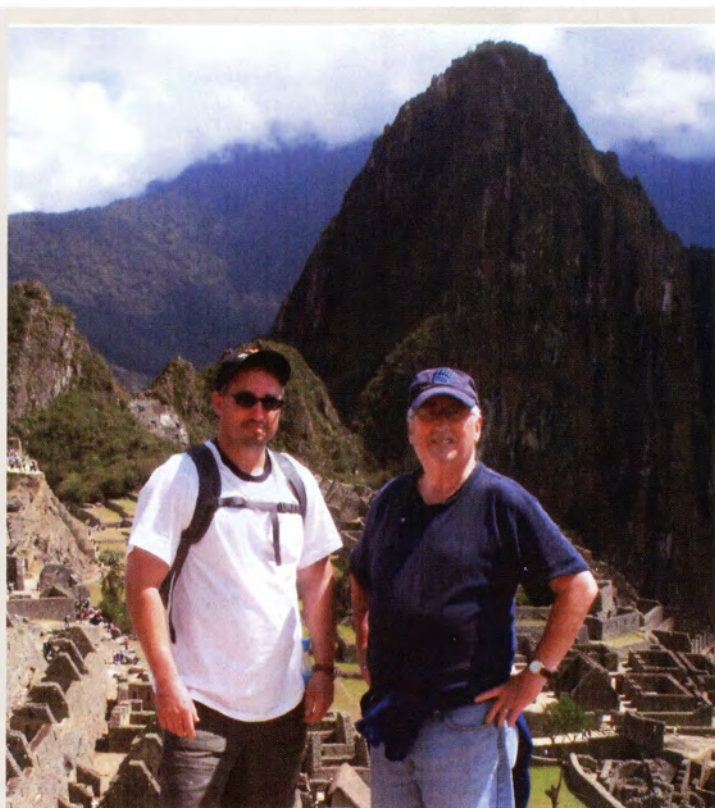
She and her husband lived in New York City many years. He had a plumbing business and they raised pedigree dogs. Jane said her outlook is very different now that her husband is deceased and they lost 14 New York Fire Department friends on 9/11. She is living in North Carolina near family and still travels to Europe with her dogs. Jane does not have email but would enjoy hearing from anyone who knew her at UMO. Her address is 15 Mini Mills Lane, Waynesville, North Carolina 28785-6395.

Since my return to Maine I am reading again the *Bangor Daily News* and the *Ellsworth American*. I find so much of interest and really enjoy getting reacquainted with **Joni Weeks Averill's** daily column in the BDN. Her many years of supporting local activities and people was celebrated when she was honored with a Joni Averill Day during the annual Olde Fashioned Summer Fair at the Curran Homestead on Fields Pond Road in Orrington. Joni was also presented with the World of Thanks Award, a tribute created specifically for her to honor her community service.

David Sterling and his wife, Donna, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July. This was noted in the *Maine Sunday Telegram* in a photo tribute from "Meg, Marsha, Maria, David, and the gang."

Tom Paiement was featured in the *Maine Sunday Telegram* in a column "Art, Angst Intersect." He lives in Woolwich and has a studio across the Kennebec River in Bath. I hope there will be more about Tom's fantastic collages in the next issue of *Mainely People*.

The deadline for this winter issue was in October, so any news from holiday cards will be included in a later issue.



Dan Hillard '66 with his son Will at Machu Picchu, Peru, in September. Their journey took them from the capital city of Lima up 11,000 feet to the Inca capital of Cusco where they toured various archeological sites. They then visited the Sacred Valley and the Lost City of the Incas. Dan noted that the city, 8,000 feet above sea level and at the beginning of a tropical rain forest, may soon be off-limits to tourists because of the sensitive nature of the site. It is considered one of the new seven man-made wonders of the world. Dan lives in Wilder, Vermont, with his wife, Stephanie Burnell Hillard '67.

I send you Best Wishes for the New Year 2009.

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When you read these notes, autumn will have passed and winter will have arrived here in Vermont, but as I write this in early October, New England is aglow with beautiful foliage and warm afternoons suitable for that last picnic or a short walk in the woods. It's been a busy period in our lives with travel, gar-

dening, kayaking, and spending time with friends and relatives. We attended the Lobster Festival in Rockland, did some trout fishing near Millinocket, and just returned from Machu Picchu, Peru, visiting the ancient Inca ruins. Now it's time to settle in with a pile of good books and some hot chocolate and watch the snow settle over our dormant fields and gardens.

I am pleased to announce that Nicholas Fiore, a second-year student majoring in new media, is the recipient of the Class of '66 scholarship in the amount of \$1,148. Nicholas is from Bangor, Maine, and is the grandson of **Bruce McGray** (G).

Gary and **Kathy Vincent** took a 14-day cruise off the Norwegian coast across the Arctic Circle to the North Cape. At the North Cape, the northernmost point of Europe, they

experienced the midnight sun.

Nancy Erikson Ladd was sorry to miss our Reunion. Since she left her job at the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Greater Portland, she completed a term as board president of the Maine State Music Theatre. She also performs in the community theatre, something she never tried until 10 years ago. Next up, *Music Man* at Portland Players. In the winter, she spends some time in the Naples, Florida, area.

Ursula Pickart Nelmes wrote with news. Besides redoing their Laguna house from the roof to the kitchen, "I joined Extreme Boot Camp," she wrote. "You have got to look this one up on the Internet! Lost weight and got my blood pressure and cholesterol back under control without medication. I was the oldest to join and am still on the maintenance program and loving it!"

"Besides that, we are still running United Herbal Sciences (UHS) producing our own formulas, selling, and private labeling our nutritional herbal supplements around the world. We have also launched TheHireRoad, helping people with their job search and are launching an Internet version.

"I have been going back and forth to Germany to visit with my aunt, who turned 95 on October 22nd, still living on her own! I'm throwing her a party this year."

Thanks to **Carole Spruce** for sending this along—she read an article in *Downeast Magazine* that should be of interest to us all. Apparently, yearbooks are a thing of the past, and the *Maine Prism* has not been published for many years. If you never purchased one, or got tired of rooting around the garage or attic for your old musty copy, all you need to do is log on to: www.library.umaine.edu/yearbooks/.

Arthur Serota is the executive director of the United Movement to End Child Soldiering, and helps to rehabilitate and educate people in Northern Uganda. He was awarded a humanitarian award on campus where he spoke earlier this year. Art and I took several classes together, and he recently brought me up to speed on his life. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, he came to UMaine to study agriculture and felt comfortable and happy from day one. He joined Phi Gamma Delta, played racquetball, and made many friends—a number of whom he still sees. He was mentored by two of UMaine's legendary agriculture figures—Professor Bruce Poulton and Dean Winthrop Libby, who later



Sigma Alpha Epsilon Reunion in Oakland

There was a reunion of some 44 SAE brothers in Oakland, Maine, in August. Most of the group were from the classes of 1966 to 1972, including many former housemates who hadn't seen each other for 40 years. A large number of the brothers who attended were among the group that restarted the SAE house in 1965. The event was organized by Mike Willey '69, '71G and Pete Frend '69.

served as president of UMaine. His agricultural background stood him in good stead when, in the 1980s, he moved to Zimbabwe to teach, build schools, and assist with various agricultural projects. Arthur divides his time between Africa, the Netherlands, and Washington, D.C.

Lee Meserve wrote: "Thought I'd update anyone interested in the doings in the flatland of northwest Ohio. I'm halfway through fall semester of my 36th year as a faculty member here in the biology department at Bowling Green State University with no retirement in sight because I still love what I do. Besides teaching, I'm also the BGSU faculty athletics representative, this being my 11th year in that role. I also do collaborative research with a young faculty member in the psychology department, investigating the effects of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB, found in Lake Erie fish and almost everywhere else!) eaten by rats as part of their diet during pregnancy and lactation, on the biobehavioral development of their offspring. We each have three to five graduate students and involve a number of undergraduates in our research efforts every semester.

"It's been a good year. First off, my collaborator and I received a

grant from NIH for \$154,000 to continue the PCB research. That'll pay for a lot of rat feed! In the fall, my wife, Marge, retired from her medical technology career of over 30 years, but still an enamel-on-copper artist, was awarded honorable mention at the Black Swamp Arts Festival here in downtown Bowling Green. Finally, at the beginning of October to recognize our support of BGSU athletics by attempting to attend every home contest for each sport annually, the university, and especially the athletics department, honored Marge and me by naming the softball field the Lee and Marge Meserve Softball Field."

When you read this, we'll have some idea how **Brian Libby** did in his race for town council in Standish. His nine years on the planning board show experience and interest in his community.

Ann Bragdon Bridge '67G will continue as interim SAD 68 superintendent of schools, headquartered out of Dover-Foxcroft.

Carlene Powers Harmon passed away on Thursday, July 17, 2008. Carlene and I met our first day as freshmen at the university. We remained close friends since that time and I will dearly miss her.

Carlene was a lovely person with a great sense of humor and always a smile on her face.

Before closing, I'd like to recognize some more life members of our alumni association: Gary Vincent, **James D. Jenkins**, **Charles Newell**, and **Deborah Johnson Willgress**. There are more, and we'll continue to publish them as we move ahead.

In closing, if you have news, stories, or photos you wish to share, feel free to email, fax, or drop a line. Your lives are so full of richness and joy, and you have so much to offer. Blessed Holidays and Happy New Year to you all.

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A happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year to all of you!

On June 1st of this year, **Jerry Perkins** was inducted into the

Maine Sports Hall of Fame as the first wrestling coach to be inducted in the 33-year history of the hall. In education for 34 years, Jerry coached varsity football and wrestling at Rumford and Mountain Valley high schools from 1967-2001. During that stint, Jerry led his wrestling teams to prominence with a 472-74-6 record and five state Class A championships.

At UMO he was a starting offensive tackle and played for the Black Bears in the 1965 Tangerine Bowl. Recently, a reunion of these gentlemen was held. Many involved in the reunion and playing on that team belonged to the Class of 1967 including two-time All American football player **John Huard** who went on to a successful pro career and is responsible for the beautiful new field turf on our UMO football field. Those who worked on the reunion with Ron Lanza '66 were **Paul Pendleton**, **Walt Nelson**, **Dennis Doyle**, and **Bill Pasquill** '71G as well as John '68 and Jerry Perkins.

Pat McGuire of UMaine headed up and coordinated the tribute. This '65 team is recognized as the only football team in UMaine history to not only win the coveted Yankee Conference championship and

become Lambert Cup champs emblematic of East Coast football supremacy, but also to be invited to participate in a bowl game. This team won eight straight games that year despite being billed as a team that was "young and building" following the loss of many top performers from the previous season.

The reunion weekend began Friday with a golf tournament at Penobscot and a special evening reception banquet including speakers Harold Westerman, Walt Abbott '58, '65G, Jack Cosgrove '78, '84G, Al Riley '66 (captain that year), Dennis Doyle, and Jerry Perkins. George Hale, noted radio personality, was MC. Saturday's activities featured a cruise down the Penobscot for team members and their families, a complimentary lunch at the Seadog in Bangor, and a pre-game welcome gathering for the team at the beautiful campus home of President Robert A. Kennedy. The special day was appropriately finished off with a great football victory over the Stony Brook Seawolves, under the lights at Morse Field. Over 30 teammates showed up for this event (out of the original 47) with six teammates untimely deceased, including '67 grad **Norman Tardiff**.

Brenda Erickson visited us after she took an art tour along the Maine coast in July. She has been doing volunteer work for the James Renwick Alliance, which funds activities at the Renwick Gallery, the Smithsonian's American Craft Gallery. The alliance sponsors craft study tours and Maine is very rich in art and artists. On this trip, she toured a variety of places including Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Isle, the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Rockport, and the Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts in Newcastle.

Brenda said that her family's farm on Route 90 in Rockport was purchased by the Maine Farmland Trust. The property will be used by Aldermere Farms to pasture their Belted Galloway cattle, will serve as garden plots for students studying at the neighboring elementary and high schools, and will have Nordic trails through the woodlots. The good news is that the land will remain undeveloped and wooded for at least a number of years. Brenda is concerned at how quickly so much of the littoral forest has been developed in the last 40 years and with it the animals and plant life that grow along the Maine coast. Her mother noted how she rarely saw trillium in the spring, when



Enjoying the pre-game tailgate at Homecoming 2008 are, left to right: **Tyler Liberson '09**, **Chris Atwood '09**, **Charlie Rollins '05**, **Cheryl Barnaby Littlefield '72**, and **Dwight Littlefield '67**.

before it was plentiful as were other endangered plants.

Brenda is still collecting art books for the Fogler Library, which is particularly interested in expanding its collection of Maine art books. Any duplicates sent to the library will be distributed to other art venues. Duplicates of books on Maine art will allow the Fogler to circulate the copies around the state.

The original plan of a few UMaine SAE brothers getting together for a few beers turned into a reunion of 44 brothers plus an almost equal number of spouses and significant others in August in Oakland, Maine. **Bob Poulsen** was the only brother from the Class of '67, but most of the group that re-started the house in 1965 was in attendance. Mike Willey '69 and Pete Frennd '69 were the organizers of what turned out to be a great gathering of many brothers from the classes of 1966 through 1972, many of whom had not seen each other in 40 years. Steve Miller '69 provided the lobsters from a recent catch to add the Maine flavor. A smaller party the night before on Messalonskee Lake proved that the beer and tall tales could still flow!

Edie McVay King and her husband, Louie '60, joined us at Costello's Restaurant in Kennebunkport for an August concert with The Shaw Brothers. You may remember them as The Brandywine Singers who performed at UMO during our sophomore year. As class historian, Edie has photos of that concert and brought them to share with Rick and Ron Shaw. Edie and Louie also volunteered for the alumni association during Homecoming weekend.

In August, the town of Kennebunk held a Norman Rockwell weekend. Saturday evening we enjoyed an evening of Norman Rockwell's famous *Saturday Evening Post* illustrations brought to life in plays. One of the plays was *Sister Clementine Knocks it Outta the Park* with **Gene Humphrey**. The program book had this to say about Gene: "Gene Humphrey is starring in the ongoing one-act play *Life and Times of Miss Gene Humphrey* and the final reviews are not in. This play, half comedy, half tragedy, and half musical (she always tries to get more in than there is room for) is still running in Gray, Maine. It's about a woman who has been a math educator for 41 years (started at age 10) at South Portland High School, University of New England, and Bowdoin. She is semi-retired but still a part-time instructor at USM. She is passionate about family, friends, fun, and piano . . . and acting. Her motto is, 'If not now, then when?'"

Cindy Fuller Libby '96G hosted a summer lunch at her new home in Sidney for some '67 friends: **Geri (Kels) Kelley Sherry**, **Joan Perkins Clark**, **Jane Wing Giglio**, and **Margaret "Toot" Willey Wentzell**. Cindy also attended the reunion of the 1965 Tangerine Bowl team at Orono in September with her husband, Bill '66, '67G, a member of the team. Cindy retired in June of '07 from her guidance counseling career. She is enjoying traveling and family events.

Dwight Littlefield of Bingham has retired as Upper Kennebec Valley Junior-Senior High School's basketball coach. Under Littlefield's

guidance, Valley won 471 games and lost just 25. The school team, the Cavaliers, won six Class D state championships and won the Western Maine title 10 times. Beginning with the 1997-1998 season and ending in 2003-04, Valley's record was 147-2. Dwight retired from teaching math in 2004 and will remain Valley's athletic director for one more year.

Peter Lammert was recently elected for a three-year term as selectman in Thomaston. Peter has been active in town for many years. He has served with the fire department since 1974, been the tree warden since 1977, and a member of the ambulance service since 1980. Peter is currently on the board of assessors, the comprehensive plan committee and the solid waste committee, supporting single stream recycling to get more materials recycled. He has been with the Maine Forest Service since 1975, working in the utilization and marketing of wood products and is currently a project forester.

The university's office of student financial aid has announced the recipients of our class Scholarship Fund. This year the fund provided \$1,787 in scholarship assistance. The recipients are Lucas Cote, a junior majoring in civil and environmental engineering from New Sweden, Maine, and son of Donald Cote '69; and Christopher Hart, a senior majoring in biochemistry from Bangor and son of **John Hart**.

Margery Furman Perry and her husband, Bill, are both retired and will be dividing their time between homes on Drakes Island in Wells, Maine, and Bluffton, South Carolina.

I had a very busy summer. Between weekly water testing for Maine Healthy Beaches, beach profiling, and numerous guests, my first cousin Gusty Borjeson Anderson '68 and I traveled to Sweden for a family reunion. We spent several days in Stockholm before joining 45 third cousins and their families in Arvika. The weather was sunny and warm and because we were so far north it never really got dark. We enjoyed a tour of Klassbols, the small family-owned factory which provides linens for the Nobel Dinner, and the Dala Horse factory where every wooden horse is exquisitely hand painted.

In September Dick and I had a wonderful dinner at The Stockade Inn in Schenectady, New York, with **Sue Chadbourne**. Sue says "hi" to all classmates with a reminder to send in your news.

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Steve Rideout stopped in Brewer to attend a memorial service for Dr. Mal Coulter, who was his wildlife management professor in 1968. A truly great teacher and person. Besides traveling (he returned to Alaska this year right after Re-union), he's been doing some fishing, camping, and kayaking and working on his wife's genealogy. He has been in touch with classmate **Jeff Bubar**, who is also from Oakfield, Maine. Jeff hung out with Steve at his camp on Pleasant Lake in Island Falls. Jeff is semi-retired in West Virginia having been a project manager and pilot with an engineering consulting and management firm outside Charleston, West Virginia.

Ken Fletcher, a former 25-year employee of Scott Paper Company in Winslow, is seeking re-election to the Maine House of Representatives for District 54, consisting of Winslow and the southwestern portion of Benton. Ken has served six years on the utilities/energy committee, where he has worked to reduce fossil fuel dependency and greenhouse emissions. He has also served on the marine resources committee for four years and has worked to restore Maine's fishing heritage. He received his bachelor's degree in forestry and a fifth-year pulp and paper management certificate. He is married to Mary Ellen and they live in Winslow.

Richard Paul '75G retired from the University of Maine in Machias after teaching math and math education for 26 years. He was named associate professor emeritus of mathematics.

While sailing in Maine we ran into **Erik '71G** and **Donna Porter Erikson** at High Island as well as **Dana** and **Jane Hilton Mulholland '97G** who were sailing with friends on the Down East Yacht Club cruise. Jane and Dana live in Lewiston and have a summer home in Southport.

Dick Sawyer '73G writes: "Betty (Class of '68 from Gorham State Teachers College, now USM) and I live in Scarborough, have two sons, two wonderful daughters-in-law, and three beautiful granddaughters. I have been in the insurance and financial services business for 32



Nortel executive vice president Dennis Carey '68 and Atlanta attorney Frank Moore '77 returned to campus last fall to speak to the University of Maine student chapter of the American Marketing Association. Front row, left to right are: Dennis, UMaine business professor Omar Khan, L.L. Bean executive Nicholas Wilkoff, and Frank. Back row: University of Maine students, Bethany Mealey, Andrea St. Pierre, Julie Salvato, and Barbara Blake.

years and cofounded Norton Financial Services in 1986 with the Norton Insurance Agency in Brunswick. Most recently, I have been developing my love of photography (richardsawyerphotography.photorelect.com). As with many others, I too am a cancer survivor (prostate 1999) and feel fortunate. Motto for me is 'Focus on progress and forget about perfection.'"

Jackie Platt writes that **Suzie Morrison Favreau '71**, one of her advisees, visited in late August. They have been in touch since she saw Jackie's picture in an alumni magazine after her reunion five years ago. Her younger daughter goes to UNH, and she was going to be in the area, so she came for lunch and a visit with Jackie. Suzie married **Leon Favreau '67**, although she did not meet him at UMO. Suzie has seen her former roommate **Donna Thibodeau Mundy '71** who married **Jim Mundy '65, '70G**.

A note from **Bion Foster**: "Yes, I would love to see a few words about my stroke and my recovery, as it has provided me with a perspective on a segment of my life that I had never anticipated happening. The onset of my stroke was while I was traveling out of state on business, and came on without notice. But the impact of the stroke was immediate. I spent 12 days in ICU, which I don't remember, and 20 days in the hospital, before being released to rehab. I will be involved in rehab for

months, and don't expect to be able to drive again for many months. I have minimal feeling on my entire right side, but am able to walk and perform well at home despite the impact of the stroke. I have had to relegate my business affairs to my power of attorney, as the impact of the stroke has diminished my capacity to deal with business issues. The doctors expect that this will progressively improve over the next few months, and I am seeing progress on a week-to-week basis. I am maintaining a very positive outlook, and have not experienced any frustration or depression to date—I am so fortunate to have many friends and family members around me to assist me during my recovery. But there is a silver lining to this situation, as it has permitted me to rethink many things, especially that which is most important in our lives. It's not balance sheets, material things, keeping up with the Joneses, or even traveling, nice cars, or which restaurant to go to—it's all about making an impact on those that are closest to you. I have thought about whether or not our lives have had meaning, or how you will be remembered. I came close to death, am most fortunate to be here, and realize the emotional impact that my stroke has had on my family, my friends, and most importantly my wife! **Dorain (H)** was with me every minute of every day, and would not leave my side, or the

hospital, during this whole ordeal. I know, as I knew before, but now have seen the other side of life—the side which reduces us to a helpless being, unaware of what is around us, and being totally reliant on those that we care about, and who care about us. It is a time for reflection, for rededication, for redirection, and for realignment of our goals and objectives. As my convalescence continues, I am so appreciative of the many cards, letters, flowers, emails, and contacts that I have received from so many friends, business associates, alums, and those that I have known for so many years. Your prayers and your well wishes are guiding Dorain and me through this ordeal. Regardless of any residual effects of my stroke, I am eternally appreciative of the second chance with which I have been provided, and remind all of my fellow alums to reflect on who and what you have all around you, and let what is important guide your lives, rather than letting life guide you, as I mistakenly let happen. As much as we all think that we are invincible, I now know better! And most importantly, I am so grateful to Dorain and all of you for your guidance—thank you, my friends!"

Danny Auclair writes: "It was nice to see everyone at the Re-union. I am not good at keeping in touch so it's also great to have people like you keeping us informed. I appreciate your effort. I have just returned from Zion National Park and really enjoyed the great hikes and slot canyons they have. My wife, Judy, is busy with her job as girls' varsity basketball coach at Mountain View. I am retired from SanDisk where I was a vice president for 10 years. I have found I have as little spare time in retirement as when I was working but I guess that's my own choice. Like most people right now I am trying to minimize the impact of this financial crisis so I can stay retired! We have a summer home in Mt. Vernon, Maine (1/2 hour west of Augusta) and plan to spend most summers there. **Bill Beaulier** is a few doors down the gravel road."

Joy Jewett Johnson writes: "The Midcoast Alumni Group 'reorganized' about a year ago under the direction of Millie Simpson Stewart, Class of '62. Since then, we have hosted three events, the first being a dinner at a local restaurant with President Bob Kennedy as our guest speaker. We all enjoyed learning about the many wonderful things that are happening at our

alma mater. In July, the group organized a trip to our marine biology facility, the Darling Center. We had a tour and then a picnic lunch on the grounds. Many exciting things are happening there and I would encourage everyone to take a 'virtual tour' on their website. This past Saturday night, we held a harvest dance and baked bean supper in our barn in Cundy's Harbor. It was such a fun evening. Early in the evening we were following the UMO football game, which went into double overtime, UMO winning by one point. We all broke into a round of the 'Maine Stein Song,' and it was so heartwarming to see folks of all ages and backgrounds with this common bond. Dr. Susan Hunter, our new provost, shared remarks with us about UMO and again we were reminded of all the wonderful things that the university has to offer. The Class of '68 was well represented by Donna and Gordon Erikson, **Una Inman Cheney, Roz Gay, Judy Dyer Groves**, and Paula West Hodgkins '67. It was a glorious, harvest night with the moon high in the sky and a wonderful time was had by all."

Roz Gay writes: "After graduation in 1968, I spent 12 years teaching school—two years at Oak Grove School in Vassalboro, Maine, and 10 years at Haverhill High School in Haverhill, Massachusetts. While I was at Haverhill, I went to UNH and got my MBA from the Whittemore School of the University of New Hampshire. With the MBA in hand, I left teaching for high tech. I had discovered that teaching was 'selling' and decided to make more money selling computers. I spent the next 15 years working for Wang Laboratories and Digital Equipment Corporation.

"When the high tech bubble burst in the 1990s, I made the switch to healthcare, something companies cannot line out of their budgets! I worked for the Fallon Community Health Plan for five years and then moved to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts where I have been for eight years. I will be here until Art and I find the right window for retirement—my husband, Art von der Linden, is a wealth manager and things have really changed in that area recently!

"We live in Windham, New Hampshire, and have a summer home in Harpswell, Maine, and Meredith, New Hampshire. I do not have any children. Art has three grown sons who have children of their own."

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Class of '69 alums, get ready to celebrate our 40th class Reunion next fall in Orono. Many of you missed all the fun of the 35th Reunion so make sure you come to this reunion to see the changes in ourselves and the campus. More information about the date and the events will come in the new year.

Here is news we have of classmates. **Val Perkins** '81G of Southwest Harbor, who retired in June after 10 years as principal at Lamoine Consolidated School, is now serving as interim principal in Lamoine. **Frederick Robie** of Winslow started his own financial consulting firm in 2000. Prior to that, Fred had served in the Navy and had been a former senior vice president for Key Bank. He is now an international financial consultant/instructor for Omega Performance Corporation of Charlotte, North Carolina, and a national financial consultant/instructor with Shockproof Training Corporation of Walnut Creek, California.

Richard "Randy" Randall and his wife run Marston's Marina in Saco, and he has published his first book, *Sandbox Camp: Tales from a Maine Storyteller*. Randy states that all of his stories are based on things that happened to him, family, or friends. The title comes from his family camp in Osborne Plantation. Randy had been employed by IBM and retired in 2004. Since that time he has written stories which he has sold to regional publications. The Class of '69 was well represented at the Museums of Old York's Annual Decorator Show House. **Ann Constantine, Gretchen Harris Ramsay**, and I were among the volunteers at the house. Barbara Bracy Hochadel-Heintz's '70 artwork was displayed at the house, and one of her paintings was also on the cover of the catalog. Barbara is a retired art educator and now continues to pursue her interests in drawing and painting.

As always, keep sending your news to the alumni office or to us.

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My mailbox does not have much news for me to pass on to you this time! It's not too late to make a New Year's resolution to let me know what is going on in your life! Many of us are retiring and will be making big changes in our lives. Now is your chance to let your UMaine friends know what you are doing.

I was pleased to receive a clipping updating me on one of my UMaine friends that I have known since grade school! **Judy Litz Boudman** '97G is a restaurateur! Who would believe it! She and her husband and another couple have opened Café Sorpreso in Presque Isle and from the reviews I have read, it is wonderful! Judy has traveled quite extensively in Asia and the Pacific so I'm sure she has contributed a wide variety of interesting dishes at her restaurant.

Andy Lacasse retired last summer from Savings Bank of Maine after a banking career that began in 1971. He was regional vice president and was responsible for the overall supervision of seven branches in the central Maine area. Hope you are enjoying your retirement, Andy. **Charles Nelson** also retired last summer from the Mid-Coast School of Technology in Rockland after 33 years. Chuck's wife, Cindy, has also retired from 36 years of teaching at Maine's Rockland District High School. Congratulations!

Jeffrey Young (no relation) was named the Frank P. Piskor faculty lecturer at St. Lawrence University. After leaving UMaine, he earned his Ph.D. at the University of Colorado and he has been on the faculty at St. Lawrence since 1980. I have another retirement to report:

Kendra Downs Ritchie '84G has retired as Lee Academy's (Lee, Maine) guidance counselor after 26 years in that position.

Please send your news. Here's wishing you all a Happy New Year and hoping that 2009 is an improvement on 2008!

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Happy New Year to all of you, from down here where it's already getting warmer. There's not as *much* this time around to tell you about, but whoever is out there, holding out on me, send me a note, please. I'll get your name into print, I promise. Just let me know where you are and what you're doing. I am counting-down on the move to Maine. At Christmastime, it will be 2.5 years left in the Washington, D.C., area. Then, off to Cape Elizabeth, where life is as it should be. Do any of you live in or around Cape Elizabeth? It would be interesting to have a get-together! My home is always open to my classmates! Let me know and I'll make a list of who is in the area!

The Maine Association of Area Agencies on Aging has announced the election of Waterville lawyer **John E. Nale** as president of the group. His practice will specialize in the legal issues affecting the elderly, including estate planning, health care, guardianship, and Social Security. **Cathy Lewis** '95G, who was a popular principal at the Ella Lewis School in Steuben, where she served as principal until 2007, has been named interim principal at the Peninsula School in Winter Harbor. Her appointment is effective through the end of the 2008-2009 school year. Cathy was previously credited with providing leadership and educational expertise to turn around the Ella Lewis School over the five years she was principal. The state had, prior to her appointment at the Ella Lewis School, classified the school as "failing."

Again, **Mark Leslie** is mentioned in the *Bangor Daily News*, as a friend of Ron Brown '73, a columnist at the newspaper. Mark, and now-columnist Brown, spent much of their childhood driving their mothers to tears with some of their shenanigans. Mark, the idea-man, decided one night to unscrew a metal dart from the dart board and stick it in Ron's ear. Until Mark's mother smelled the tomato odor of the "blood" flowing from Ron's ear, Mark Twain had nothing on these two. They were separated by their parents in order to plan an adequate punishment. Now, Mark works with his company, Leslie Media Consult-

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ants, devoted to the architecture of golf courses. He lives with his wife, Loy Brackett Leslie '69, in Monmouth. Let me mention again that Mark's wonderful first novel, *Midnight Rider for the Morningstar*, may be viewed online, chapter one, at francisasburysociety.com/midnightrider.htm. Ordering information is found on the site with chapter one. It's a great story, as I stated previously!

That's it from here, where the weather should be getting warmer right away, we hope. Please DO let me know what you're doing and how you're doing. Your classmates would love to learn of your accomplishments, shenanigans, like Mark's, or your family. We have a reunion coming up. You can figure out how many years it will be, but please admit that it is important to try to get back together and get to know each other again in 2011. I'm starting early this time to recruit you to join us. This time I *should* be retired and able to even show up myself, maybe only traveling from southern Maine!

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Best wishes for a Happy New Year to you all.

Ron Choroszy has been hired as an assistant baseball coach at Saint Joseph's College in Standish, Maine. His duties include overseeing the pitching staff, recruiting, and assisting with practice game planning.

Machias Savings Bank announced that **Steve Staples** is a vice president of commercial banking at the bank's Rockland branch. He lives in Camden and is a past board member and chairman of the Camden-Rockport-Lincolnville Chamber of Commerce.

A short piece from the *Maine Sunday Telegram* announced that **Kurt Rosell** joined Oxford Networks as sales engineer and project manager. He was previously a PBX/Key system installer for Community Service Telephone.

I must end on a somber note. I learned recently that two of our classmates lost sons in 2008. **David Robertson's** '88G 27-year old son, Sergeant Nicholas Robertson '03,



Cheering on the Black Bears at the Homecoming football game on October 25 are, left to right: Allen '73 and Patty Meyer Morell '73, Joanne Bodwell Ferreira '73, and Gene Ferreira. Allen and Patty, co-class presidents for '73, live in Virginia and are deeply engaged in supporting a mission school for orphans in Sierra Leone. In addition, they recently fostered a 17-year-old African whom they brought to the United States to receive treatment for cancer.

Joanne is a member of the alumni association board and is also heading the Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine.

died in the spring after being wounded in Afghanistan. You may have seen the write-up on the last page of the summer issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

Also, Jim McLean '73 emailed me about the death of his 33-year old son. He wrote: "My elder son, Jim McLean, M.D., was killed on January 20 in a snowboarding incident in Colorado. He was a great guy, and a talented physician. There is a wonderful blog put together by his peers, www.jimmcleanmd.blogspot.com. He was posthumously honored by the New Jersey State Legislature for his contributions to medicine, third world healthcare development, and volunteer activities in the most dangerous parts of Newark." At the time of his death, Jim was in the process of implementing the Kansas University Spine Treatment Center, which he designed. A section of the center will be a memorial to him. Anyone interested in making a donation to the KU endowment fund can do so at the following address: Dr. James P. McLean Memorial Fund, c/o Lindsay McPhail, Hospital Fund Development, The University of Kansas Hospital, 2330 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Suite 302, Westwood, Kansas 66205.

My heartfelt sympathy to both David and Jim.

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I had emails from two '73ers.

Nancy Stetson is in her 25th year of teaching. She teaches wellness and physical education at MSAD #16, Hall-Dale High School. She also sings and plays guitar and bass with Friends of the King, a Christian worship band. They have recorded three albums. Judie Leino '75 is also a member of the group. Judie and Nancy used to sing at the Ram's Horn, the Bear's Den, and around the Orono area. Nancy has run the Boston Marathon, hiked nearly all of the Appalachian Trail, and teaches hiking and backpacking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. She is listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers and is a licensed minister with the American Baptists, traveling abroad on two mission trips. In her spare time, she is a reseller/IOB for Millenium Plus, StetsonGPS.com. OK, Nancy, now I am tired.

Robert Hand "broke the decades of silence" to get us informed. He is a freelance medical writer in Springfield, Pennsylvania. He sings

second tenor with the Philadelphia Singers Chorale, the house chorus for the Philadelphia Orchestra. He was thrilled to be able to sing under the direction of Christoph Eschenbach and Sir Simon Rattle.

A painting by J. Normand Martin of **Morrill Worcester** is hanging in the State House in Augusta. This four foot by five foot painting depicts Morrill standing in the foreground of a scene in Arlington National Cemetery holding a wreath that he is about to lay at the grave of a soldier. In the background is a funeral procession representing the thousands of veterans at Arlington. In case you have missed it, Morrill, who is the owner of Worcester Wreaths, donates thousands of balsam fir wreaths every Christmas to honor the veterans buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Classmate **Jeff Wright**, of Farmington, retired in 1998 as a lieutenant in the Army after 25 years as a lieutenant colonel. He was an airborne ranger and spent a lot of his time in an infantry unit. Bored when he got back, he eventually landed a job at Northern Lights Hearth and Sports, an outdoor sport and stove retailer. He had worked in the summers during the 1960s and 1970s at Day's Store while attending Mt. Blue High School in Farmington. He credits the Day family with teaching him the strong work ethic that he still has today.

Also, I am sorry to report the death of **Jim McLean's** son, Jim McLean, M.D. Jim died in a snowboarding incident in Colorado last winter. His friends and associates put together a blog about him at: www.jimmcleanmd.blogspot.com. He was posthumously honored by the New Jersey State Legislature for his contributions to medicine, third world healthcare development, and volunteer activities in the most dangerous parts of Newark.

Jack Cashman has been sworn in as a Maine Public Utilities Commissioner. **Gabby Price**, former Husson College athletic director and the head football coach, has recently purchased the Ground Round on Odlin Road in Bangor.

As you are making your New Year's resolutions, drop a note to your classmates and keep us informed.

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Well, we're having our winter chill—mostly highs in the 50s—great sweater weather. I hope you all had a fabulous holiday. We are looking forward to the Maine game at Florida State in September. If you are going to attend, prepare for hot weather and rowdy Seminole fans.

Robert Baldacci '75G is one busy alumnus! Let's start with the restaurant news. Those of us raised in the Bangor area grew up with Baldacci's (il ristorante sotto il ponte—the restaurant under the bridge) and then Momma Baldacci's. After 34 years, the Baldacci family sold the restaurant and is looking for a new city location to reopen. The real estate developer side of our classmate was working on a deal in his partnership with former Senator Bill Cohen's Maine Media Investments, LLC to purchase Blethen Maine Newspapers, owners of the *Portland Press Herald*, the *Maine Sunday Telegram*, the *Kennebec Journal*, and the *Waterville Morning Sentinel*. As of this writing, they gave up exclusive negotiating rights. We'll keep you posted on the deal.

Last May, Holden, Maine, school principal **David Anderson '89G** was appointed interim superintendent of SAD 63. He has served as principal since 1996 and will work in both roles until a new superintendent is named.

Mike "Meals" Mealey has been teaching in SAD 49 in Fairfield since 1976! He was one of three people to receive the 2008 Lawrence High School Alumni Association's Bulldog Awards. Mike teaches physical education and has coached football and baseball. As a teacher, mentor, and coach, hundreds of children benefited from his physical education program. He is married to Patti and they have two daughters, Jamie and Jennifer. Congratulations on this honor!

Politics is where we find **Tom Saviello (G, '78 Ph.D.)**. In his third term in the Maine House from the town of Wilton, Tom is seeking reelection as of this writing. He represents District 90 and the towns of Wilton, New Vineyard, Avon, Strong, Phillips, Temple, Perkins,



Marston Family and Friends Tailgate

Alumni association board member and treasurer, Kurt Marston '74, enjoyed a Homecoming tailgate party with a large number of friends and family. Left to right are: Mike Grace '73, '94G, Krista Marston '02, Cheryl Smyczek Osborne '02, Jennifer Gundersen Harris '03, Jennifer Corbett '03 (partially blocked), Kurt Marston '74, '79G, Jennifer Roberge Whitford '03, '05G, Donna Trask Buttarazzi '87, Jerry Hayes '76, Debbie Moore Marston '73, Chad Hayes '02, Brian Hatch '73, Erica Mitchell '04, Matt Marston '85, Ginny Robie Hatch '74, Claire Houlihan Baker '73, and Elaine White Grant '78, '90G.

Washington, Salem, and Freeman. During the last session, Tom was cochair of the rural caucus. As an Independent, he has worked to bring Republicans, Democrats, and Independents together on a number of issues. He is the father of Allison and Ben.

Retired forest ranger, **Kenny Wing**, was the featured speaker at a Maine Huts and Trails event last August in Carrabassett Valley. He spoke on Native American Indians from the Stone Age forward and demonstrated how stone tools are made. Kenny grew up in Eustis, Maine, and after graduation worked for the Maine Forest Service for 27 years.

Some people just can't retire and that's **Jeff Wren**. Jeff accepted the position of coach for the Husson College women's swim team. He will also be director of aquatics and teach in the school of education. Jeff has a stellar record from his coaching at UMaine including five women's New England championships and five second-place finishes from 1978-1987. He and his wife, Rae Fournier-Wren '78, '89G, have two children, Morgan and Jamie.

I had a great surprise email from Dana Hamel '75. Dana and I were in homeroom together in junior high and high school and he is a Phi Eta Kappa alumnus like my youngest son, Michael. This is what he wrote:

"I'm alive and well and still living in New Mexico. Jenny and I have been married for 30 years and have four daughters, Rebecca, Racheal, Jessica, and Bridget. I have one grandson and another on the way. I left my former school district after 24 years (20 as school principal) and moved to another school district to be an assistant at an elementary school only four minutes from home."

Stay warm and snug up there in the northland. Love to hear from classmates, so send me an email with your news. Once again, to all classes, send me an email if you'd like to participate in an alumni event in Tallahassee the first Saturday in September.

to touch base again and find out what has been going on for all these years. So, please send me personal news of you and your family. Most of the news of this summary came from newspaper clippings.

Nancy is in her 32nd year of teaching in the Portland school district. She is enrolled in the ELL Cohort Program, which is six graduate courses for English language learners. Tom and Nancy's daughter, Lindsay, graduated from Syracuse University in May 2008.

We are living in Lansing, New York, with our youngest, Emily, who is 12. My son, Chris, graduated from UC Boulder in August, and Meredith is a paralegal living in Baltimore. I am in vet support services in the Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell Vet School and am pursuing a goal of running a marathon in each state.

The Madawaska school committee has named **Robert Gerard (G)** for a three-year term as the new superintendent of schools. Robert has been working as a consultant for the department of education in New Brunswick.

Rick Preti has been named senior vice president of strategy and development for Fairpoint Communications. Rick, who has 25 years of business experience, joined Fairpoint in 2007. He was formerly a cable company executive who

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Thanks to **Nancy Pistaki Chard** for submitting news of our class for 25 years. It's my turn to take a shot at this. I hope you will help by sending me any news of you and your family. After so many years, it is time for us



Having a great time at the Homecoming 2008 tailgate are, front row (left to right): Courtney Bridges '06, Tricia Penley Dunton '06, Wes Viles '06, '08G, and Patty McDonough Penley '79. Back row (left to right): Rick Dunton '06, Nick Butler '06, Peter Deane '78, Jennifer Deane '07, Bill Penley '77, Jessica Deane '06, Martha Watson Deane '78, and Dave Butler '79.

originated the industry's first video-data-voice "triple play."

After 33 years, **Larry Zimmerman** has retired as the pastor of Christ Church United in Dracut, Massachusetts. Larry's wife, Alice, is also retiring from her dental hygienist position.

Maryann Blaisdell is retiring from teaching at the Laura Libby School after 32 years of teaching primarily kindergarten and first grade. Maryann hopes to spend a lot of time in her garden and volunteering with children.

UNUM Insurance has promoted **David Brenerman** (G) to vice president of government affairs at UNUM in Portland, where he has been employed since 1984.

Joseph Keaney has opened a private accounting practice at One Monument Way in Portland, specializing in income tax planning and preparation for individuals and businesses.

The Central Maine Harmony Buoys Barbershop Chorus has named **Peter Swartz** (G) secretary. Peter is a member of the Gardiner barbershop chorus, which performs at many public care facilities and community functions.

Preston Bristow is Barnard, Vermont's, new zoning administrator. Preston has been on Woodstock's town select board since 2005 and worked for the Vermont Land Trust for 23 years.

News from **Mike Grondin** is that after almost 35 years with USDA-Rural Development he is near retirement. He has built a home on Davis Pond in Eddington and is really enjoying being back on the lake listening to the loons, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing. All three of Mike's children are UMaine graduates also: Matthew '01, Ruth Grondin Clark '03, and Seth '08. Mike enjoys attending University of Maine events, especially men's and women's basketball and can be reached at mikeondavispond@yahoo.com.

Denise Davis Hornbeak, in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California, is an author of *The SuperConfident Child: Loving to Learn through Movement and Play*.

Last November, Washington County Community College (WCCC) named the dining hall after **Ron Renaud** (G), who has been a part of the college for more than 30 years. He started in the college in 1974 as an instructor, then faculty member, department chair, and academic dean. In 1984 he was named president and held that position for 12 years. Ron retired in 1996, but has been teaching classes at WCCC and University of Maine Machias since then.

Five members of our class have supported the UMaine Alumni Association by becoming Lifetime members. Please join **Mark Johnston**

and **John Silvia**, plus others and become a lifetime member of the alumni association.

And, please send your UMO Class of '75 news to me at the above address.

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Hello '76ers.

I received a note from **Daniel Martin** via InCircle, from the UMaine alumni web site. Dan writes that he is living in Gorham, Maine, and doing aerospace consulting work, mostly in the

Boston area. He's married to Beth Fagerson and they have two children, Sara and Joseph. Thanks for checking in, Dan! **James Finkle** also sent a note via InCircle. He writes that he joined the Class of '76 group on InCircle after reading the last posting of this column. He adds that in 2005 he retired from the Air Force Reserve after 37 years of service. He was assigned to Andrews AFB where he met the First Lady, the secretary of state, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force during his last week of duty. In 2005 he also retired from his full-time job as director of the Long Island High Technology Incubator at Stony Brook University after 15 years there. That same year he took a position with Booz Allen Hamilton as a consultant in the intelligence community, where he continues to work. Jim lives in northern Virginia. If you haven't checked out InCircle, take a moment and go to www.mainealumni.com and click the InCircle link.

Calligraphy artist **Nancy Leavitt** was featured in the *Bangor Daily News* for her work on a grant from the Maine Arts Commission where she proposed to locate, prepare, and test the feathers of Maine wild domesticated fowl for the use of writing quills. Nancy lives in Stillwater. Chief Justice **Leigh Ingalls Saufley** of the Maine court

system was presented an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the University of Maine at Presque Isle commencement last May. **Ron Weatherbee** has been named as the new recreation director for the town of Lincoln. Ron is also a teacher at Lee Academy and lives in Lincoln with his wife, Ruth.

I hope you have a very happy and prosperous new year. Please take a moment to drop me an email or contact me via InCircle.

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Happy 2009, everyone! Hope your holidays were happy and healthy. I can't believe that another year has flown by and it's time to write another column.

Ray DeGrass has joined the board of directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midcoast Maine. He is currently the plant manager for Dragon Products in Thomaston. He has three grown-up kids and lives with his wife, Barbara, in Rockport.

Husson College, now officially Husson University, recently purchased a building on Broadway in Bangor. You may wonder why I am telling you this. Well, it turns out this purchase was made possible with the help of a gift from the Quirk Auto Group whose president is **Jack Quirk, Jr.**, and the building will be named the Quirk House. Husson president, William Beardsley said, "Quirk Auto Group exemplifies entrepreneurship, family business, and community service at its best."

And that's all I have at this time, folks. Again, I hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. Now, hope you have a great winter! Please keep in touch.

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Thank you to all fellow classmates

who made the trek to Orono for our 30th Reunion in October. Can you believe it's been 3-0 years? I have no idea where all that time went, but I think we all look even better than we did in the '70s. Of course, we're also more mature and sophisticated while maintaining our youthful attitude and appearance.

First of all, it was a lovely fall weekend—perfect for a football game. For those of you who follow Maine football, you know what an exciting season this was for the team and our own fellow '78er, **Jack Cosgrove '84G**. The game was tons 'o fun, especially because Maine won. It was fun to catch up with those of you who attended the class meeting and reception at the Buchanan Alumni House; we were a small but enthusiastic group.

Judy Morton looks fabulous and is happy back home in Rangeley, where she and her husband, Harold Schaetzle, manage a convenience store and marina. Judy's twin brother, Joey, is running the adjacent motel. Both Judy and Joey have sent their share of children to Maine. Judy's daughter, Abby Madeira, is a junior psychology and child development major. Her son, Kent Madeira, is a freshman business major, as is Judy's nephew, Ben Morton. Her niece, Ashley Morton, is a junior majoring in nursing; last but not least, her niece Paige, who graduated in '06, started her MBA at Maine this year.

Ellen Honan is living in Yarmouth, where she is a literacy specialist in that school system, specializing in grades K-4. She enjoys running, skiing, and golf, and of course catching up with other alums in the southern Maine area.

Rob Sherman, a civil engineering major, has recently moved to Hallowell and is an assistant professor as well as the program coordinator for the new department of architecture at the University of Maine in Augusta. After completing his master's in architecture, he worked primarily in commercial architecture in Connecticut and the Syracuse, New York, area. He worked there for 16 years on federal buildings, schools, and even the Syracuse Zoo. In reminiscing about his days at Maine, he admitted that he joined Fiji because it was an asymmetrical Tudor building. That's a man who takes his passion seriously. On the professional side, Rob takes great pride in the fact that one of his students was awarded the Arts and Humanities Award for a poster he made for Dr. Paul Mayewski's Cli-



Among the many alumni who enjoyed the Homecoming brunch at the President's House on October 25 were **Chris '79 (center)** and **Nancy Pallatron Keating '80**, and **Dan Willett '69 '70G** from the University of Maine Foundation.

mate Change Institute.

Brian Knowlton is currently living in Dexter and is the proud father of a 21-year-old son. Brian works for Bank of America in their Belfast location.

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about class business, I'm pleased to announce that **Brian Vernal**, son of **Ann Stymiest Vernal**, is the 2008-2009 recipient of the Class of 1979 Scholarship.

Brian wrote a very gracious note, thanking us for the contribution to his education at UMaine. Some excerpts: "I grew up in Falmouth and went to Falmouth High School. My interest was karate, and I achieved my black belt in 2005. I have a twin brother. I am working on my chemical engineering degree (the same degree that my mother graduated with), entering my senior

So where were you 30 years ago today? In your senior year—looking forward to graduation in only a few months. That's right—our 30th Reunion is coming up next October (the date is yet to be determined—it will coincide with Homecoming). Pencil in a trip to campus NOW!

P.S. It's also a great time to think about becoming a lifetime member of the alumni association.

And while we're talking

year with a GPA of 3.5. This summer and last summer I worked at SAPPI, a paper mill and technology center in Westbrook. I will be looking for an engineering job, hopefully in New England. I have lived on campus all four years, in Somerset for two years and in the Doris Twitchell Allen on-campus apartments for two years. Thank you again for the scholarship." I'd say, "Well done, Ann!"

Other class news: **George Jabar** was appointed to the board which will oversee efforts to coordinate operations between Maine's county jails and the state prison system. Of Waterville, George is a lawyer and former Kennebec County commissioner. **Judith Smith Lucarelli (G)** stepped down as school superintendent in SAD 18 (Bucksport area) where she has served since 2006—to accept a similar position in SAD 5 (Rockport area). She served as Maine's deputy commissioner of education from 1999-2003, has taught throughout Maine and in Alaska, and holds a doctorate from the University of Rochester in New York.

Jeff Ladd '90G is the new principal at Winthrop Grade School, where he has served as assistant principal since 2001, after 10 years as the school district's behavioral consultant. Reverend **Scott Neal** is pastor of the St. James Episcopal Church in Arlington, Vermont. Graduating from Maine in plant and soil sciences, he and his wife, Beth, operated a flower shop and Scott



Class of 1978 members celebrate their 30th Reunion at a Homecoming gathering at Buchanan Alumni House on October 24.

also worked as a retail horticulturist and a floral design/shop manager. He graduated in 2007 from the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Scott and Beth have two daughters.

Attention sports fans: **Earle Anderson** is the interim athletic administrator at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield. He has taught history at the school for 27 years and has served as the assistant athletic administrator since 2000. Originally from Orono, Earle coached at Hampden Academy and Nokomis High School (Newport), and has been named the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches' and the Big East Conference Basketball's Coach of the Year on several occasions.

Scott Benzie is the new boys' varsity basketball coach at Belfast Area High School. Scott played baseball while at Maine, and went on to coach in Machias and Rockland before returning to UMaine for five years as assistant Black Bear men's coach.

And last but certainly not least, **Dan Warren** received the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame President's Award for "outstanding contributions to amateur baseball." Dan, a lawyer by trade, has been a baseball coach/administrator at all levels of the sport since returning to Scarborough where he played baseball in high school. My news clipping on Dan's latest achievement also reports that he has a full-sized Little League field in his backyard—site of several games and youth clinics each year. Now that's taking baseball seriously!

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Dear classmates,

As I write this, I am remembering many fond memories from our college days. My oldest boy, Michael, is in the process of looking at colleges, and I am amazed at how fast time has passed.

Please consider giving generously to the University of Maine. A gift today will help future students at UMaine. Join the growing number of 1980 classmates, and please send in a contribution.



Celebrating Dave Ives' '79 50th birthday in Marblehead, Massachusetts, back in September 2007 are, back row (left to right): Steve Murphy '80, Dave Ives, Phil Spalding, and Jim Lafond '79. Front row (left to right): Robin Hartford '81, Carolyn Burt '80 (spouse of Steve), Pam Burch '80 (spouse of Dave), Lynn Coffin (spouse of Phil), Lisa Berberian Lafond '80 (spouse of Jim), and Kate Thurston Tardif '79.

Keep in touch! Your friends want to hear what you've been doing.

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Happy New Year, all! Strange to write that greeting when the temperature has barely dropped below zero, the leaves have yet to be raked, and not a single Christmas present is wrapped! However, print deadlines are a couple of months in advance, which is tough for us to comprehend as we are now living in the Internet age of up-to-the minute news. I really thought the Internet and email would help these columns tremendously, but guess you're all too busy surfing, shopping, or chatting to send your classnotes editor your latest news. Since you all should be hunkered down for the winter as you read this, hope I can convince you to email me once you're finished. I'd like to have a little more substance to my next column!

I did have a nice handwritten thank-you note from the latest recipient of our class scholarship, Erin Brown, daughter of classmate

Bradford Brown. She is a senior majoring in English and minoring in French. I recently received the annual report from the University of Maine Foundation, where our scholarship fund is held. We currently have just a little more than \$8,000 in the fund, which means our annual awards are small. I'm hoping that you'll all read between the lines here and send along a donation—no matter how large or small—so that we might be able to help future recipients even more. With tuition costs rising every year, scholarship dollars can really make a difference for lots of young men and women. Remember my challenge awhile back? One dollar for every year that we've been out of school! If we all did it, just think what we'd do to that fund!

Belated congratulations to **Bill Lucy** on receiving the G. Clifton Eames leadership award for the Bangor Region Leadership Institute's Class of 2008. BRLI is a leadership development program designed to give potential and emerging leaders the skills, knowledge, and continuing support they need to succeed in the Bangor area. Bill seems to have already made it down the path to success, as he is the president of Merrill Bank in Bangor. **Phil Dawson** serves as fire chief in the town of Lincoln, and also as volunteer fire chief for Howland. He previously served 24 years with the state police. I'm sure many of

you recall the Olympic pursuits of **Ann Turbyne Andrews.** Ann was to attend the 1980 Olympics in Moscow, but the U.S. chose to boycott following the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan. That year, she attended the U.S. track and field trials in Eugene, Oregon, and threw the shot put 56 feet, 8.5 inches; the second best throw in U.S. history. The 1980 "Team to Nowhere" was invited back to Eugene, Oregon, this past year. It was the first year that Olympic trials had been held there since 1980. Ann and her teammates were given replicas of the gold medals awarded in Moscow in 1980, and each team member was presented with a Congressional Medal. Ann now teaches science and health at Vassalboro Community School and is the owner of Gilly's Gym.

A quick note to some of my sorority sisters in Delta Zeta. I've been getting emails from the chapter and they are doing very well these days—one of the largest sororities on campus now! I haven't been able to attend any of their events, but have heard that they're a great bunch of girls! I did run into **Dick Hewes** at Pat's Pizza one night this past fall and he was accompanied by his wife and daughter, who happens to be a Delta Zeta! Thought you'd be interested to hear this news and I encourage other Greeks to pass along news of their chapters.

All for now, folks! Hope to find your email in my inbox soon!

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Happy 2009 to the Class of '82!

We have several updates on classmates, and offer congratulations on various accomplishments:

Stephen Schwartz received the first President's Award from the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers last summer. Stephen practices law at Schwartz & Schwartz in Portland, focusing on criminal and traffic defense, personal injury, and wills and probate. **Richard Mulhern** of Falmouth serves on the district court bench.

Ken Bartlett's wife, Katie Simmonds Bartlett '84, and their

daughter Dana Bartlett sang the national anthem together at the UMaine vs. Richmond (Virginia) football game last September in Richmond. The mother-daughter vocal duo represented both universities, since Dana is a student at Richmond.

Veteran kayaker **Fred Ludwig** won last spring's St. George River Race, despite a wintry, blustery day. He completed the six-mile course in just over 41 minutes.

As of the new year, **Gregory Dufour** became president and CEO of Camden National Corporation.

Congratulations to **Ernie Clark**, who received a first-place award from the New England Press Association. Ernie writes a sports column for the *Bangor Daily News*. Ernie was also named the Maine Sports-writer of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association for the second time in three years.

Jamie Russell, former basketball coach at Piscataquis Community High School in Guilford, has joined Penobscot Valley High School in Howland. Jamie previously coached at Howland as well as at Central in Corinth, and will now coach children of those he worked with years ago. Jamie was also cited in 2007 for tending to a man who had suffered cardiac arrest and injured his head when he lost consciousness. While on his way to referee a soccer game, Jamie worked to stop the bleeding and administer CPR to the man until the ambulance arrived.

Andrew Ingalls is a commercial real estate developer in South Portland and Cape Elizabeth.

Nancy Black Tompkins works at Rutgers University as director of stewardship. She previously worked at the Hunterdon County YMCA, most recently as director of development and marketing.

Kathleen Keane Benoit was named New Hampshire Environmental Educator of the Year. Kathleen teaches science at Gorham Middle/High School and is known for her innovative work integrating the science and math curriculums. She also partners with the National Guard and the National Forest Service and other agencies to teach students the natural application of math and science.

Ellen Randall Dunn has graciously agreed to write this column and will begin with the next issue. Please send any news to her at 12 Kahill Court, South Portland, Maine 04106 or email her at



'83 Members Celebrate 25th Reunion

The Class of 1983 celebrated its 25th Reunion on a lovely Homecoming afternoon on the UMaine campus. A highlight of the day was a class reception at the President's House following the Black Bear football game. Above photo, left to right are: UMaine president, Robert Kennedy, Jeanne Sylvester, Brenda Downey Beaulieu, and Patty Blumenstock Gaynor.

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Finally, please consider a life membership in the UMaine Alumni Association—it will ensure that you always receive the magazine and stay in touch with your alma mater. Our class has 17 lifetime members.

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New Years greetings are in order as I type up the first classnotes for

GO BLUE!



Jim Buttarazzi '87 enjoyed the tailgate at Homecoming 2008 with a group of family members. With Jim (right to left) are: his daughter **Samantha** (a first-year UMaine student) and his sisters, **Brenda Buttarazzi '83** and **Linda Buttarazzi Robb '81**. Also at the tailgate, but not in photo, was Jim's wife, **Donna Trask Buttarazzi**, also a Class of '87 member.

2009. Of course deadlines being what they are, at the same time I am just two weeks away from attending our 25th Reunion at Maine, so you'll all have to wait until the next issue for a full report!

We have a few members of our class to fill the steins to, for their contributions in the state of Maine. Classmate **Mylan Cohen, M.D.** delivered the keynote address at his alma mater, Presque High School, in June. After receiving his undergraduate degree with the rest of us in '83, Mylan went on to get his master's in public health at Harvard and his medical degree from the University of Vermont, College of Medicine. Dr. Cohen is currently the director of non-invasive cardiology at Maine Medical Center and a clinical professor of medicine at UVM's College of Medicine. While at UMaine, Mylan was a member of the Senior Skull Society.

Classmate **Marc Curtis (G)** is back in a position that he retired from in June 2006. Marc was named interim superintendent of schools in Bucksport in June 2008. He had served in that position for 13 years. While the school board in Bucksport searches for a new superintendent, Marc told reporters, "It was an honor and privilege to serve the community."

Jill McGowan is becoming a household name, ever since she founded her own clothing line, Jill McGowan, Inc., in 1994. Jill's goal was to create beautiful clothing that is both comfortable and fashionable. Her Maine roots influence her clothing line, particularly by the weather and pace of life. Jill's shirts and seasonal collections are now available in over 300 specialty stores around the country and her work has been featured in several publications including *Women's Wear Daily*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *The New York Times*, *Real Simple*, and others. If your curiosity has got the best of you, check her catalog out at www.jillmcgowan.com. Jill resides in Portland with her husband, David Hembre, and their seven-year old son, Theo.

Finally, not everyone has the ability to walk on water, but classmate **David Cloutier** spends time each summer doing exactly that. David spends most summer weekend mornings on Pushaw Lake in Orono bare footing across the lake. The bare footing reference applies to how David gets across the lake, waterskiing, without the skis. David, who resides in Orono, received notoriety this past Father's Day

when he and two friends, all dads, continued their annual tradition of a three-man barefoot run.

Our next edition of classnotes will include coverage from Homecoming as we celebrate our 25th Reunion. I hope to share personal stories from many of our classmates and continue to ask all of you to help make my job easier by mailing or emailing me with your own updates! My wife and I will be back in Orono this May to celebrate the graduation of our daughter Melissa from the University of Maine as a member of the Class of 2009!

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Happy 2009 to you and your families! Today is a mild late fall day. By the time you read this column, the weather will have gotten much colder and there will be snow and ice on the ground. I had better go out and enjoy today's warmth while it lasts!

I received an email from **Kimmie Mavor Hollowell**. She has been fighting a disease for two years and has asked for our thoughts and prayers as she continues her fight. She had a 10-year career as a youth leader before retiring due to ill health. She and her husband, Rhoads, live outside of Boulder, Colorado, for eight months of the year. They spend the other four months in Windham, Maine. They have recently become empty-nesters and Kimmie says they are enjoying it very much. Their sons are both in college: Jamie is a senior at Haverford College and Corey is a freshman at the University of Wyoming.

I also received an email from **Patrick Dunn**. He has left his former job and has formed his own consulting practice called Beacon Continuity Management, LLC. The nationwide company is based in Atlanta and specializes in business continuity and disaster recovery consulting services. Good luck to Pat with his new business venture!

I ran into **Sharon Bossie Wood's** husband at a conference recently. Sharon is currently employed in the Auburn, Maine, school department. Sharon and her hus-



Author Stephen King '70 (left) stops to chat and enjoy a hot dog with Barbara Brindle and Dan Michaud '85 during the Homecoming tailgate on October 25.

band, Joe, are the parents of Emma (11) and Sophie (8).

Katie Simmonds Bartlett and her daughter, Dana Bartlett, sang the national anthem together at the UMaine versus Richmond football game at Richmond on September 20, 2008. Dana is currently a sophomore at the University of Richmond and has inherited her mother's beautiful voice. Katie was a University Singer while at Orono.

Shirley Nason Wright '02G has left her position as superintendent of SAD 41 in Milo, Maine. She has taken a position as a principal in the Corinth, Maine, school system. Shirley served in SAD 41 for 12 years with the last three as superintendent. Her career change was prompted by the state's consolidation efforts as well as the desire to be home more with her school-age child.

Rebecca Wyke '89G has accepted the position of vice chancellor of finance and administration for the University of Maine System. She is responsible for the university system's business and administrative functions. Becky had served as the commissioner of the Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services for five and a half years.

Brenda Young Jackson's son, Aaron, graduated with honors from the New England School of Communications in Bangor with a B.S. in communications. He received the Outstanding Broadcast Journalism

Award in his field of study.

Darryl Scott Mangiafico has joined Bancnorth Investment Group as a financial advisor based in York, Maine. He has 22 years of experience in the financial industry, most recently at Fidelity Investments where he served for 18 years. He is a chartered retirement planning counselor. He lives in Kittery, Maine, where he serves as vice chairman of the Kittery planning board and also is involved with the Kittery Port Authority, York Golf and Tennis Club, Coastal Athletic Association, and the Winner's Circle Running Club.

On August 17, 2008, 12 new members were inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. New inductees included **Ed Hackett** '88G of Bangor. Ed played in four College World Series while at UMaine under Coach John Winkin.

Margaret "Ann" England Maxim is UMaine's director of academic support services for student-athletes. Her daughter Hilary will run track and field for UMaine this year. As a student at Old Town High School, Hilary won Class B state championships in the mile and two-mile in the indoor and outdoor track seasons and holds Old Town's indoor school record in the mile at five minutes, 6.09 seconds. (That is very fast!)

Julie Treadwell '93G has left Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, Maine. She has taken the job of director of physical education and

athletics at the Holton-Arms School, a college preparatory girls school for grades 3 to 12 in Bethesda, Maryland. Julie had worked at MCI for the past 24 years in numerous capacities. She coached basketball, field hockey, and softball in addition to working as the school's athletic administrator and dean of students.

This was a fun column to write with so much news to share. I hope to hear from many of you during 2009 and plan to see you at our 25th Reunion in October!

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Happy New Year! Why not use one of those leftover holiday cards to drop me a note so I can let your classmates know what's happening in your life? Or zip me an email—that works too!

Kevin Paradis is a safety supervisor at Columbia Forest Products in Presque Isle, Maine, and also coaches boys' soccer and girls' basketball at Ashland High School. Kevin graduated from Ashland High School and played four years of basketball and three years of soccer as a student. Good luck!

Jeffrey Farnsworth and Jeannette Bucholz were married in August. They reside in East Winthrop, Maine. Since graduating from UMaine Jeff earned an MBA at Lesley College. He is employed as a network operations manager by FairPoint. Congratulations!

Darryl Hendricks (a high school and college classmate of mine—miss you!) has joined the law firm of Preti Flaherty in Portland, Maine, as director of information technology. Darryl also earned a master's degree in business administration from Indiana University.

Brian Robitaille recently won a first place award from the New England Associated Press News Executives Association for his page-one design of a story about Maine state employee salaries for the *Bangor Daily News*. The awards were presented at the NEAPNE fall conference in September.

I received a thank-you letter from Kevin Price from Clinton, Maine, the recipient of \$875 from the Class of 1985 scholarship for the 2008-2009

academic year. Kevin is a third-generation Black Bear, in his second year, studying political science and financial economics. Kevin is most thankful for the generous contribution to his education.

That's all the news I have for now—if any classmates are at Sugarloaf this winter, look me up in Snowbrook Village. I'm hoping for lots of snow in the mountains—and little snow in my driveway in Manchester!

Don't forget to send me an email!

1986

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Greetings and Happy New Year, Class of '86! If you've already broken your New Year's resolution, make and keep a really simple one—drop us an email so we can tell your classmates what's going on with you. It'll only take you a couple of minutes and think how good you'll feel! Those old friends from campus want to know where you're living, what kind of work you're doing, your family news, and what you do for fun. So please send us a message!

1987

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Happy New Year, everyone! We don't have a lot of news to report this time. **Dan Tremble** has purchased the Ground Round in Bangor. **Lynn Coutts** was a finalist for the head softball coach position at Maine. Let us know what you are up to. Do you have a new job or maybe a baby? Have you gone back to school to get your master's or Ph.D.?

**Don't forget to renew
your alumni association
membership!**

1988

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Class of 1988, hello! Happy New Year! For some of us who remain in Maine, the cold winter months are here, making us wish for the warm days of summer. Summer brings baseball, and recently two members of the Class of 1988 were inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. The *Maine Sunday Telegram* announced that in August of 2008, **Gary LaPierre** of Westbrook, a player on the 1981 Portland Babe Ruth World Series team, and **Ed Hackett '84, '88G** of Bangor, who in 1979 and 1980 was an all-conference selection while he played for the Orono High School team, were two of the 12 2008 inductees. Gary also played for the University of Maine while in college, and when he graduated, he held eight school hitting records. Ed played under Coach Winkin during his time at the University of Maine, and he played on four College World Series teams.

Moving to the education front, in June of 2008, **Mary Fusaro Evans '04G** was honored by the Maine Audubon Society as the 2008 Educator of the Year. Mary teaches fourth and fifth grades at Fairmount School in Bangor, and over her 24-year tenure, she has guided her students with such innovative projects as raising and releasing salmon and stenciling storm drains to make people aware of water pollution.

There is one other 1988 graduate to mention in this column and for this, we move to the non-profit arena. **Lisa Park Laflin** was named in June 2008 as the executive director of the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area in Franklin County. Lisa resides in New Vineyard (near Farmington) with her husband and two children. She has also been accepted to the University of Southern Maine's Muskie School where she is pursuing a master's in community planning and development. In an article in the *Morning Sentinel* about her role with the United Way, Lisa mentioned that one of her first priorities was to make sure that people understood the significant role the United Way plays in the Tri-Valley area.

Becky Bowden is a copy editor

for the *Bangor Daily News* and recently won second place in the page-one design contest sponsored by the New England Associated Press News Executives Association.

Thank you to those who sent in their news. I hope all who made it back to campus for the Reunion held in October had a great time!

I hope to hear from more of you soon.

1989

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Happy 2009 to the Class of '89! This year marks the big TWO-O—20 years since we graduated from Maine! Yikes! Time flies, and here's what I've heard:

Gloria Verrill emailed that she resides in Casco, Maine, and has been teaching math at Lake Region High School for 10 years. That's just the beginning! She also co-coaches the varsity Nordic ski team at the high school and is the advisor of the Outing Club. Outside of school, she has played women's full tackle football for three seasons. She is also part of the crew for the sailing vessel *Beausoleil*, a 45 and a half-foot sailboat, and participates in frostbite sailing, which is sailing yinglings from mid-October to mid-December. Wow!

Tina Whitney Meserve '98G is the new curriculum director for the Augusta school system, having left her previous position as literacy specialist for SAD 52 in Turner. She is also an adjunct faculty member at the University of Southern Maine.

Ann Hodson Dooling has retired as principal of the Winthrop Grade School, which she attended as a student.

Tim Weston '04G, a certified athletic trainer (CAT) since 1988, has been named the head athletic trainer at Colby College. Tim was a CAT for the New York Yankees' minor league affiliate, Oneonta (New York), before being promoted to the Albany-Colonie (New York) Yankees in 1989. He earned his master's degree in educational leadership from UMaine in 2004. He and his wife, **Karin Pfander Weston**, live in Waterville with their daughters, Abigail and Sofie.

Walter McKee, a lawyer in

Hallowell, was nominated to a state ethics panel by Maine governor John Baldacci '86. This five-member ethics panel is an independent state agency that administers Maine's campaign finance laws, the Maine Clean Election Act, and the lobbyist disclosure law. It also issues advisory opinions and conducts investigations regarding legislative ethics. **Walter** practices personal injury, criminal defense, and general litigation. He received his law degree from the UMaine School of Law and served as a judge advocate general officer in the Maine Army National Guard from 1996-2004.

Bob Corkum has been named associate head coach of the Black Bear men's ice hockey team by head coach Tim Whitehead! As we know, Bob was a four-year letter winner for the Black Bears, participating in the Frozen Four twice, and then went on to have a 12-year National Hockey League career. Since retiring from the NHL, he moved into coaching, most recently with the Manchester (New Hampshire) Junior Monarchs, as associate head coach from 2006-2008. It will be great to see Bob behind the bench this season! Bob and his wife, Jess, have four children, and his son Kelen had verbally committed to attend Maine and join the program in the fall of 2009 at the time of writing this column.

Dr. Gina DePastene Cosgrove earned her doctorate from SUNY at Albany and specializes in conducting evaluations for children and adolescents on the autism spectrum. She is a consultant for local school districts and conducts trainings for educators and families regarding how to meet the educational and social needs of individuals on the autism spectrum. She also teaches a graduate course in development at the University at Albany and is an active member of the Albany Chapter of the Autism Society.

Gene Gaffey is a Roman Catholic priest and serves parishes in the Machias cluster, which includes Cherryfield, Lubec, and Campobello Island.

Maine State Democratic Representative **Kim White Silsby** has decided not to run for re-election for her seat to spend more time with her family, but she has also decided to become our new class correspondent! Kim may be reached at 32 Colony Road, Augusta, Maine 04330. Her email is: ksilsby@ghi.net.

I am giving up this position as I

prepare to adopt a son, Brendan Mikhail, from Russia. So, out with the old (me) and in with the new (Kim)! I'm very happy to turn the class column over to my fellow All Maine Woman, and know she will do a fantastic job of keeping us posted on the movers and shakers in the Class of '89! Thank you, Kim, and good luck!

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Happy New Year! I hope the start of your new year was fantastic! Kevin, Kayla, Mikey, and I are looking forward to 2009. Can you believe that next year it will be 20 years since we graduated from UMaine? Yikes!

In June 2008, **Robert "Sandy" Ervin** (Ph.D.), the Bangor public schools superintendent, had a retirement dinner held in his honor at the University of Maine, Orono. Sandy started his career in education by teaching at Bangor High School. Congratulations, Sandy!

Marybeth Stout Allen (G) has started a local support group for individuals who stutter. Members can be teenagers or adults. Marybeth is a speech pathologist in the communication sciences and disorders department at the University of Maine. She herself is a stutterer. The group meets monthly and has support from the National Stuttering Association (www.nsastutter.org/). This support group wishes to provide emotional support, education, and resources for improvement to stutterers and others affected by stuttering. The meetings are from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the basement of Dunn Hall on the UMaine campus. If you have questions about this support group, please call Marybeth at (207) 944-8045.

Guy Perron '04G is a scout for the NHL's Colorado Avalanche. For the past two years Guy was an associate head coach and recruiting coordinator for the University of Maine's men's hockey team.

At the end of school last year, **Donald Poulin** (G), retired as headmaster of Erskine Academy. He

started his career at Erskine in 1973. During his time there, the school grew from approximately 300 students to 750 students. Congratulations, Donald!

Gerry Chasse was promoted to vice president of transmission and distribution operations at Bangor Hydro-Electric Company. He has been with Bangor Hydro-Electric Company since 1990 and is a registered professional engineer.

Daniel J. Edwards is a new attorney at Bernstein Shur and is working in the litigation practice group. Bernstein Shur has offices in Portland and Augusta, Maine; and in Manchester, New Hampshire. He focuses on real estate litigation matters. Daniel lives in Yarmouth, Maine.

During the last five years the members of the Orono Land Trust and Bangor Land Trust have led the effort to protect natural habitats near populated areas in Maine. They are creating an unbroken corridor from Bangor to the northern end of Pushaw Lake in Hudson. **Lucy Gardner Quimby** (Ph.D.) is the president of the Bangor Land Trust board of directors.

Please contact me with your news! Your classmates and I would enjoy learning what is happening in your life!

1991

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Happy New Year, classmates! Another year to celebrate the important things in life—family and friends, and good health. May you have them all in your life. If you have any resolutions to share, drop me an email.

Marielle Edgecomb '97G returned to full-time teaching after spending five years as the principal of the Peninsula School. She is teaching middle school math and chairing the transition committee to help prepare for the construction and move of the school to a new building. Last summer, **Daniel Lee G.** '98 Ph.D. attended a three-week leadership program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Dan is the superintendent of the Brewer school department.

Dave Higgins threw his hat in the ring as the Democratic candidate for the District 39 seat in the state House of Representatives. The district comprises Dixmont, Hampden, and Newburgh. Dave retired in 2002 after working 26 years as a conductor for the Maine Central Railroad. He and his wife, Joann, own a small property management business in Hampden and have two children, Elizabeth and John.

The *Penobscot Times* printed a photo last summer featuring three Maine grads including **Jason Folsom** of Old Town. Jason and fellow dads, Jeff Hayward and David Cloutier, showed off their Father's Day tradition of a three-man barefoot waterskiing run on Pushaw Lake. Sounds like fun!

Deanna Lothrop House '93G has created a scholarship to honor her son, Joel, a U.S. Army sergeant who was killed in Taji, Iraq, in June 2007. The Sergeant Joel A. House Summer Camp and Exchange Program Scholarship Fund raised more than \$5,000 and sent 33 area children to academic, sports, art, youth, conservation, or Bible camps in 2008. Deanna hopes to get more scholarship funds this year.

I was in touch with **Brian Sumner** recently. He is living in Los Angeles after a year in Arizona. Brian works as a freelance audio recording engineer working mostly with rap, r&b, and pop artists and producers. Brian says he enjoys his work and that it's been a lot of fun and he has met a lot of interesting people. Brian seems to be settling into the sunny, southern California life. He was planning a trip home to Maine for the holidays but wasn't looking forward to the cold weather.

The 2008-2009 recipient of the Class of 1991 Scholarship fund at UMaine is Jocelyn Kennedy. She is a junior majoring in communications sciences and disorders. This year the fund provided \$183 in scholarship assistance. This scholarship is possible through your contributions to the University of Maine Foundation and is awarded to classmates or descendants of classmates.

Did anyone get back to UMaine for Homecoming in October? I'd love to see the changes to campus and see if things are as I remember. I had my own blast from the past recently when I took my children trick-or-treating to the nearby residence halls here in Kansas. Walking down the long, narrow hallways, finding amusement in the self-expression of the nametags on

doors, being shocked at the size of dorm rooms. Could my room in Androscoggin have ever been as small as these? The memories of the study/social lounge, sharing a common phone for the whole floor—oh, my—freshman year seems like a long time ago.

Hope your New Year is filled with lots of warm memories!

1992

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Happy New Year to everyone! I hope 2009 is off to a good start for you all. Please take a moment or two to drop a note and share what is going on in your life. Facebook.com is also a great way to reconnect with friends from UMaine. I have recently joined and have been in touch with people I haven't spoken with in years! I have only a few things to report this time around.

Stephen Hamilton was awarded certification from the American Board for Certification in orthotics and prosthetics. Stephen has spent more than 10 years in the field of orthotics and prosthetics. Congratulations, Stephen!

Jerry Legere was promoted to his current rank of Navy commander while serving in the Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, based at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Virginia. Jerry was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Charles Lumpkins (G) has published *American Pogrom: The East St. Louis Race Riot and Black Politics* about a racially motivated attack in 1917. The book traces the reasons behind the attack, those who orchestrated it, and the effect the events had on the African American population in the area for the next several decades. Charles teaches history and African American studies at Penn State.

Lastly, Sean and **Kelley Anderson Duffelmeyer** are proud parents of twin sons, Zachary and Nicolas, born June 13, 2008. The couple also has a daughter, Kaitlyn, who is four years old. They reside in Northport. Congratulations on your new additions!

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Happy 2009, everyone! There are lots of little news items to report this time.

Jonathan W. Nicholson re-joined The First National Bank of Bar Harbor as business relationship officer. Jonathan worked at The First in Bar Harbor previously, and has strong ties to Hancock County. He serves on the board of Kebo Valley Golf Club and is a past board member of the Mount Desert Island YMCA. He and his family live in the Bar Harbor community.

David Hughes serves on the board of directors of Maine Real Estate and Development Association. He is a commercial real estate broker and has dealt with all facets of management including leasing, maintenance, and the sale and lease of office, retail, industrial, and investment properties.

Air Force lieutenant colonel **Marne Boutilier Deranger** is the operations officer for the 392nd Training Squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. She contributes to space missions by training space and missile officers for duty. A 14-year Air Force veteran, she has been assigned to Air Force bases in Wyoming, Florida, and Colorado.

In Lakeville, Massachusetts, **David Davenport** challenged the incumbent for a seat on the school committee. David works as manager of a distributor of a window and door manufacturer and lives in Lakeville with his wife and two children.

Last summer, **Howard Kroll** '95G, city clerk of Brewer, deployed to Iraq. He is a member of the Navy Reserve.

Peter "Andi" Vigue '98G has succeeded his father as chairman of Cianbro in Pittsfield. A third generation Cianchette, he worked in different parts of the company from an early age, pouring concrete, cleaning equipment, and eventually running operations. As a child, Andi accompanied his father to job sites, watching the machines from the hood of the car. Later, he did surveying work and worked on a project for Central Maine Power.

David Clark has become general manager of Mainely Media LLC,

Meritt Phillips '93 Helps Coordinate Military Participation in Presidential Inauguration

Captain Meritt Phillips '93 (political science) recently served as a member of the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, a group representing all branches of the armed forces, that was charged with coordinating all military ceremonial support for the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

Meritt was assigned to the public affairs office as an action officer, where she helped develop public affairs strategic and operational plans for military support to the Presidential Inaugural Committee and the Joint Congressional Inaugural Committee.

She has served for 18 years in both the Maine Army National Guard and the United States Army Reserve as an Army aviator and a public affairs officer. Most recently she completed a combat tour with the Joint Special Operations Task Force in the southern Philippines. In her civilian career, Meritt works as a sales representative for Millennium Pharmaceuticals in Maine and New Hampshire.



the publisher of six southern Maine weekly newspapers. David joined the group in 1995 as an advertising representative. David and his wife, Courtney, live in Kennebunkport with their son, Ryan.

In Oakland, **Jennifer Foley Thibert** is teaching her children by example. Jennifer, who home-schools her children, Benjamin (10) and Kimberly (7), has incorporated service to her community into the children's curriculum. As a family, they donate time to the Greater Waterville Area Food Bank, and have helped with a soup kitchen. Jennifer is married to Stephen Thibert '90, a crew supervisor for Madison Paper Industries.

Jeffrey A. Dery, of Hampden, is planning a May wedding with Jill R. Kelley. He works as a sales representative at Sanofi-Aventis.

Jim Montgomery, former two-time men's hockey All-American, is an assistant coach at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in upstate New York. He says that coaching is "the second best thing to playing."

Yu-Guo Huang's (Ph.D.), '01G son Tiger Huang graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College last spring with a major in computer science and a minor in Chinese.

In Monroe and Brooks, **Matthew**

Faragher Houghton (G) is principal of the Morse Memorial and Monroe elementary schools. Both schools include kindergarten through grade six. Matthew and wife, Kate, have a young son, Noah, and plan to buy and move to a house closer to the schools where he is working.

The Class of '93 has 16 lifetime members of the alumni association. Please consider joining them to make your membership good for the rest of your life! You'll never have to remember to renew, and you'll never miss an issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

In closing, let's welcome **Chris Cookson** as the new class correspondent. Watch for Chris's debut column in the next issue. You can contact him at 105 Stonehill Drive, Maitland, Florida 32751 or send him an email at chris.cookson@earthlink.net. Remember, what may not seem like exciting news to you may be a wonderful glimpse into the life of an old college friend—or the catalyst to reconnect with a classmate. So tell us where you're living and what you're doing for work and fun!

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Hello, classmates. We hope you all had great holidays and are enjoying (or tolerating!) the winter. We were really disappointed that we weren't able to make it to Orono for Homecoming this year, but that's because both of your fearless class correspondents were on the move.

As you can see from the addresses above, we've both relocated. Beth has moved just outside of Philadelphia and by the time you're all reading this, Stacey will have moved to London. Stacey says she's just trailing along for the ride—her husband got transferred to London for work and they'll be there for a few years. We expect she'll have lots of interesting adventures to report to the class.

In other news, **Deb Smith**, a former outstanding softball player at UMaine, is now back at Maine as the head softball coach. Deb previously served as head coach at Maine before leaving to try work in the business world. She then got back into coaching, first as an assistant coach at Bates College and then as head coach at the University of Rhode Island. **Gary Chaloult** (G) is working as a certified diabetes educator and a certified family nurse practitioner at Inland Hospital in Waterville. **Shawn Doll**, a senior vice president at Bank of America, has joined the board of directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midcoast Maine.

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Happy New Year! I hope this issue of the alumni magazine finds you well and enjoying the winter.

Not much to report for the new

year. Drop me a note so I can keep this column up, will you? I'm sure our classmates would like to hear what you have been up to.

Rita Sullivan has left her women's basketball assistant-coaching post at UMaine and has moved to New York City. Many will remember Rita as a standout player during our college days where she played alongside current UMaine head coach, **Cindy Blodgett**. During their years as players at UMaine, the Black Bears earned their first-ever berth in the NCAA tournament. Cindy had nothing but good things to say about working with Rita and pointed to her good personal skills for recruitment and her overall understanding of the program. The information I have as I write this doesn't specify what new endeavor Rita has taken on, so I hope if you are reading this, Rita, that you will update us as to your current activities.

Short and sweet, to the point, that's all I've got this time around. Take care!

1996

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Hello, '96ers! I hope you're all finding a chance to get outside and enjoy the winter months. You can find me snowboarding, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing in Montana.

Shannon Risk (G) received a Fulbright Scholarship to study cultural and intellectual history in Canada. She'll be researching women's suffrage movements in New Brunswick and Maine at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. Shannon is only the eighth UMaine grad student to receive a Canadian Fulbright since 1992. In the spring of 2009 she'll receive her doctorate in history, with a minor in women's studies, from the University of Maine.

Todd Starbird is the regional vice president of business banking at the Rockland branch of Bar Harbor Bank and Trust. Last May he received the company's highest honor, the Agnes Salisbury Customer Service Award. Todd was nominated and selected by his fellow employees.

Governor John Baldacci '86

nominated **Scott Story** to a new board that oversees Maine's county jails. Scott lives in Monroe and is sheriff of Waldo County and a member of the corrections negotiating team.

Christopher Jordan has married Sarah Chaffey. The couple lives in Hancock and Chris is employed by Wilbur Yachts of Southwest Harbor.

That's all the news for now. Hope to hear from you and your classmates soon!

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Greetings, Class of 1997—

Happy New Year! I hope this finds your 2009 off to a great start and in a better place than 2008. Last year was a whirlwind. I think I spent more time in Maine than in Rutherford. Not necessarily a bad thing, except for having to sit in Connecticut and Massachusetts traffic. I'm excited many of you have contacted me through Facebook or email to share your news. I'm always looking forward to catching up so you can find me at Yolanda_sly@hotmail.com.

Congratulations to **Jeffrey Schweitzer**, EPA, CEP, ATP for being named the National Association of Tax Professionals October 2008 Member of the Month. Jeffrey obtained his B.S. in business administration from UMaine and his family operates Northeast Financial Strategies in Norwood, Massachusetts. Jeffrey has been an association member since 1999 and currently serves as the Massachusetts chapter secretary. To achieve this honor, NATP members are nominated by their peers and selected based on their steadfast commitment to continuing education in the tax field, solid business practices, and volunteer efforts with NATP and in their own communities. Jeffrey and his family live in Wrentham, Massachusetts.

The New England Patriots signed 10-year veteran **Mike Flynn** to help out their offensive line, reports the *Bangor Daily News*. Mike previously played with the Baltimore Ravens and can play both center and guard.

Developer **Kevin Mattson** (G) wants to turn the old Central Maine Railroad freight shed at Central and Winthrop streets into a passenger railroad station and tourist information center, reports the *Kennebec Journal*. Kevin wants the building to include public restrooms, a community meeting room, and exhibit space. "We own the property privately, but I felt its unique nature presents an opportunity for public use and community development," Kevin said. Kevin's company has asked the Maine Department of Transportation to assist in the project through the Transportation Enhancement Program.

Dave Hainer has been named football coach at Mattanawcook Academy, reports the *Bangor Daily News*. Dave is SAD 67's health coordinator and the school's varsity baseball coach. Dave played wide receiver and cornerback for Mattanawcook Academy as a student. Dave was an assistant football coach for the last five years, the last three years as defensive coordinator.

Stacie Belanger Staniszewski and family were featured in an article about family fitness in the *Sentinel*. Stacie and her family belong to the YMCA and during April vacation walked the Kennebec Valley rail trail from Gardiner to Augusta. "Basically, we're wanting to stay healthy," Stacie said. Stacie works as a family advocate at Head Start and lives in West Gardiner.

Ricky Jones of Thomaston earned a berth in the 2008 U.S. Amateur Golf Championship by leading the field at a qualifying tournament at The Ledges Golf Course, reports the *Bangor Daily News*. Ricky won the event by shooting a first-round 69 and a second-round 72 to finish at 3-under 141, the only player in the field under par. This is the second time Ricky has qualified.

Angela Cole Westhoff '99G has been hired as an executive director of the Maine Osteopathic Association, reports the *Sun Journal*. Angela holds both a master's and a bachelor's degree in communication from UMaine, with concentrations in health communications and public relations. Angela was previously the executive director of the Healthy Androscoggin Community Coalition, a non-profit public health agency. Angela lives in Portland with her husband and daughter.

Congratulations to **Scott Rotondo** who got married to Diane Vadnais on August 3, 2008. Scott is

an accountant at Smartbargains.com in Boston, and Diane is a sixth grade teacher. The wedding was in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and they honeymooned in St. Lucia. Scott and Diane now live in Rhode Island.

Congratulations to **Chris Marie Stanley**, who was married on October 12, 2008, in Scarborough to Sean Paul Curran.

Congratulations to **Sandra Howard** '99G, who married Brent Arsenault on June 21, 2008. Sandi is a music educator and is currently completing doctoral work at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

1998

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Hearty Maine Hello and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great fall and happy holidays.

I have several things to report. First, in July, my wife, Lottie, and I completed the Russian basic course at the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey in California. After this, we took a few weeks leave and visited family and friends on the East coast. We were able to see many alumni, including several of our classmates: **Eric Simonds**, **Adam Fisher**, **Lisa Greening Burns**, and **Beth Jones**! I was also able to see Rob '96 and Chantel DeSimone Lucas '97, Kurt Schickle, Lisa's husband Aaron Burns '96, Michael Johnson '97, '99G, Seth '00 and Judy Williams Prentice '00, Jason '02 and Michelle Mathieu Burgess '02, and Hillary Roberts '01. Special thanks to Eric and his wife, Kate, for letting us stay with them again, and Adam and his wife, Nina, for throwing a great pool party.

We spent the fall at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where I attended my intermediate level education (core course), part of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and was promoted to major on December 1st. On October 11, Lottie and I had our "friends and family" wedding at the Old Post Chapel on Fort Myer, Virginia, with a reception at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington. Eric, Adam, and Ward were in my wedding party and my uncle, William Brewer '64, read in the ceremony. I was very happy that my cousins Bob Brewer '69G

and Charles Hill '76 as well as Betas Peter Paine '99, Eric Pelletier '01, Brad Prescott '03, and David Lamb '62 were able to share this day with us!

We have several more wedding announcements. **Emily Davenport** '05G and Matthew Guernsey were also married on October 11, 2008. Emily is a special education teacher with the Bangor school department. This summer **Tracy Comeau** '06G married Brandi Beauchesne, on July 3rd in Sorrento, Italy, and August 9th in Augusta. Tracy is employed by Community Health and Counseling in Skowhegan. On December 28, **Jennifer Anne Fogarty** was married to Joshua Moody in Portland.

Congratulations to **Aimee J. Glidden**, D.O., M.P.H. on her new position as a physician at the Waterville Women's Clinic this summer! Double congratulations to **Richard Modery** '08G for being hired as the principal of Holbrook Middle School in July and completing his master's degree in educational leadership from UMaine in May! For the past two years, Richard has served as assistant principal and athletic administrator at Leonard Middle School in Old Town. Prior to that he served in a similar job at Dexter Middle School for two years, and five years at All Saints Catholic School in Bangor as assistant principal, athletic administrator, and physical education teacher.

This summer **Hélène Farrar** featured her work at the Cerulean Studio in Hallowell, where she is a co-owner and a collective member. The show was titled *Seeking Stories: Paintings in Oil, Wax, and Water*. The exhibit was inspired by a box of photographs that she inherited from a grandmother she never knew. More on her gallery can be found at www.ceruleanart.com.

This fall I also heard from **Joanna Faggiolo**. She's an emergency room nurse in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and has a four-year-old son, Tyler.

There are now more ways to stay in touch! In addition to our class group on the alumni association's InCircle, we were the very first UMaine class to have a group on the very popular Facebook! Please use either of these or the regular email or mailing address to let us know what's new!

Correction: In the last issue of the alumni magazine we incorrectly stated that Ben Hauck '98 was an Iraq War vet. In fact, Ben worked as a civilian in Iraq.

1999

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Holiday Greetings to the Class of 1999! This year marks the 10th year since we graduated. I hope that many of you will attend Homecoming this October. I'm already looking forward to seeing the changes the past decade has brought to UMaine.

I only have a bit of news to share this quarter. **Jaret** and **Susan Herrick Lizzotte** of Old Town welcomed a daughter, Olivia, in May. They also have a son, Jackson. **Christopher Swartz** is engaged to Jennifer Smith. He is employed by the University of Kentucky. **Scott E. Gurney** of China, Maine, received his Juris Doctor degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center in May. He joined Ferris, Chandler, and Crook in Waterville after graduation.

Angela Fuller (G, '06 Ph.D.) is a postdoctoral research assistant and graduate faculty member in UMaine's department of wildlife ecology. She was one of only 10 people selected to attend The Wildlife Society's 2008 Leadership Institute from May to November 2008.

Around the time this is published, my family and I will be moving cross-country. After four wonderful years in Las Vegas, we are returning home to our New England roots and planning to settle in the Boston area. My new address will appear in the spring issue. If you have news you would like to share with our classmates before then, please email me at aldq75@netscape.net or update your records with the alumni association online at www.mainealumni.org/records.htm.

Wishing you the happiest of new years and all the best in 2009!

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As the holiday season comes to an end and all the hustle and bustle of the season is over, many class-

mates have news to share with fellow UMainers of the Class of 2000.

A few honors came to classmates since the last classnotes publication. Classmate **Betsy MacGregor Webb** (G) is the new superintendent of Bangor public schools. She is keeping her focus on the horizon for the students in the Bangor schools. **Karen Johnson** (G) of Machias ran for the Democratic bid for the Maine State Senate District 29 seat. Former Black Bear basketball player **Katie Clark Herbine** has returned to the University of Maine as the associate athletic director for compliance and senior woman administrator. Katie is a member of the Florida, Maine, and American Bar Associations; she is also a member of the Governor's Council on Health, Physical Activity, and Wellness, serving as the ACES Committee chair.

Another classmate, **Misty Ann Edgecomb**, has been selected for a Fulbright Grant for 2008-09. In September, she departed with her husband, Caleb, for Korea and will spend 10 months in Seoul researching a book about international adoption during the Korean War. Fulbright is a U.S. Senate Department program that provides funds for students, researchers, and professors to work and live in nearly 150 foreign nations, with the aim of creating mutual understanding across cultural boundaries. Misty, who is a former employee of the *Bangor Daily News*, will earn her master's degree in journalism from the University of Oregon in June 2009.

Congratulations go out to several classmates whose lives have changed over the past year. Best wishes go out to classmate **Nathaniel Harris Smith** on his September 27, 2008, wedding to Megan O'Callaghan. Nathaniel lives in South Portland, Maine, and was employed by Harriman, an architectural and engineering firm in Auburn, Maine, but just recently changed jobs and is now working for the city of Portland's public works department. More best wishes go out to classmate **Rusty L. Brann** on his September 20, 2008, wedding to Barbie S. Thompson at Saddleback Mountain in Maine. Rusty is employed by Jones Associates where he practices forestry and environmental consulting. Congratulations on their new addition go out to Chad and **Kara Lauze Plummer** as they welcomed their first child, Jenna Leigh, on June 12th. She weighed

six pounds, eight ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Best wishes to all the Class of 2000 as we ring in the New Year of 2009! Many great wishes and blessings to all classmates as we start another year.

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Once again you have made it through the holidays and as you are reading this you may have already broken a New Year's resolution. With cold weather upon most of us, it's time to think of the warm memories we have of UMaine. Here is what a few of your fellow alumni are up to.

In September, **Travis Brann** wed Sophie Weyand. The couple lives in Portland with their chocolate Lab, Denali. **Jana Wardwell** wed Damon Grey in an August 30 ceremony. Jana currently works as a physical therapist.

Some of our fellow classmates have new career paths! **Jon Caron** (G) has been named the new principal of St. Michael School in Augusta. Jon was the unanimous choice for the job. The town of Waldoboro has hired **Sara Devlin** as its planning and development director. Sara is responsible for planning, directing, and maintaining a program of community and economic development. **Allana Barrington** joined Kozak and Gayer P.A., a healthcare law firm, in Augusta as an associate. Edward Jones has hired **Ramat Oyetunji** '05G as the new financial adviser for the town of Lewiston. Ramat holds 66 securities licenses, the Series 7 and health and life insurance licenses; she currently lives in Lewiston and is excited to serve the community.

Judson Cake of Bar Harbor won the Tour du Lac 10-mile race. He also won the 46th Annual Labor Day 5-Mile Race in Bangor, clocking a time of 26 minutes. Also winning awards is **Joanne Harriman** (G) of School Union 98. The Maine Curriculum Leaders' Association has selected Joanne as the 2008 Maine Curriculum Leader of the Year.

Congratulations to our award-winning graduates!

Fred Stewart recently had a big surprise. Selected as the "blood donor of the game," Fred won two tickets to a Red Sox game during a blood drive that took place at the Brewer Auditorium.

Congratulations to all graduates who have new positions, gotten engaged or married, and have expanded their families. Remember to keep your fellow alumni informed! Happy New Year!

2002

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Happy 2009! I hope the holidays were good for everyone. The new year always brings changes. Some of our classmates are planning a new life with their special someone. **Josie E. Geis** and **Derek A. Porter** are planning a wedding for May 9, 2009. Josie graduated with a degree in psychology and is employed as a children's administrator Section 24 for the Charlotte White Center in Bangor. **William Foster** and **Abigail M. Kunces** got married on October 4, 2008. He received a bachelor's degree in studio art and art education from UMaine and an associate degree in dental hygiene from the University College of Bangor. **Chad Hayes** and **Gina M. Wilson** are planning a wedding for the summer of 2009. Chad is employed as a sales executive by **Everon Technology Services** in Boston.

Others welcomed a new baby. **Nate '05G** and **Molly Briggs** welcomed a beautiful baby girl, **Addison Marie Briggs**, into the world on September 5, 2008, at 10:09 p.m. at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. Mom and baby are doing well. Addison, who weighed six pounds and was 19.5 inches long, arrived two weeks ahead of schedule!

Most of our classmates are moving up the career ladder. **Kathleen March** (Ph.D.) received the seventh annual Harvard Award for Service Learning Excellence in April 2008. She was cited for developing collaborations between UMaine and two Honduran communities, through which UMaine students work on service projects in areas that include health, education,



Alumni association board member **Samantha Lott '02** (right) and Class of 2005 correspondent **Mary Gatchell-Fenderson Gauvin '07G** stand at the Arctic Circle on the Dalton Highway in Alaska. Samantha made the trip from her home in Orono. Mary had less distance to travel—she lives in the Alaskan town of North Pole (no kidding!).

physical infrastructure, and artistic expression. **Krystal Fogler**, who coached Husson College's first-ever swim team and was director of the school's fitness center, left the institution to pursue other opportunities. **Ryan C. Shaw** (G) stepped down as boys' soccer coach for Hampden Academy. His commute from Mars Hill and the start of his new family helped him make this decision.

Michael R. Davis (G) was honored at the annual Maine Music Educators Association awards banquet as Maine's Elementary Music Educator of the Year. He currently teaches K-6 music, chorus, and some beginning band students at Sherwood Heights Elementary. **Josh Curtis** is the new football coach at Old Town. In addition, Josh taught art and technology at Old Town High for the last six years and also serves as student council advisor and will be able to maintain considerable contact with current and potential football players throughout the school year.

Jonathan P. LaBonte was hired as the executive director of the Androscoggin Land Trust. **Amy Boucher Lawson** has been hired as a half-time executive director of the Regional Development Corporation. Her job is to devise creative and effective ways to foster sustainable economic development in the western portion of Kennebec County.

Joseph Deitz graduated from Ross Medical School in June 2008. He has begun his post-graduate training with SUNY Upstate Medical University's psychiatry residency

program in Syracuse, New York. **Sandra Langlais Wardwell** (G) recently joined the medical staff at Penobscot Community Health Care. She graduated from UMaine with her master's as a women's health nurse practitioner. **Matthew Small '07G** will begin teaching as an adjunct faculty member this fall within the school of communication at Emerson College in Boston, where he also serves as assistant director of career services.

After a brief career as a journalist (where he won awards from the Maine and New England Press associations) **Jim Leonard** accepted the position of athletics and activities director for Rockland District High School and Rockland District Middle School in Rockland, Maine. Jim has brought computerized scheduling to the district. He

ROBERT S. GUZEK, JR. '02 is now an associate at the New Jersey law firm of Parker McCay. Robert earned his UMaine degree in ecology and environmental science. In 2008 he completed his law degree from Temple University's Beasley School of Law. Before joining the firm he worked for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.



also keeps district parents, fans, and student/athletes informed through a sports blog entitled *Eye of the Tiger*. Their son, **Jackson James Leonard**, turned five years old in January.

As always I would love to hear any news that you would like to share with us. Have a great start to the New Year!

2003

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Happy 2009, everyone! With the new year, we have new marriages to announce. **Jamie Lucas '06G** and **Robert Treworgy '06** were married in July. Jamie graduated with a degree in child development and family relations and is currently working at Child Development Services in Bangor as the program coordinator for a special purpose preschool program, serving children with autism. Bobby graduated with a degree in business administration and is currently working at Treworgy and Baldacci in Bangor as a real estate title examiner. **Diana Francis** was married in June. Diana is working at the office of student records at the University of Maine as coordinator of document imaging. **Erika Nielsen** was married in August. Erika graduated with a degree in psychology and later graduated from Eastern Maine Community College with a degree in nursing. She is now working as a registered nurse at Mercy Hospital in Portland. Finally, **Melanie Rand** was just married in January. She graduated from UMaine with a degree in modern languages and is working at the Cross Mills Public Library in Charlestown, Rhode Island, as the young adult and reference librarian. Congratulations to all of the newly-weds!

Some graduates of our class have had some job changes recently. **Alan Grover** is now the public relations and corporate communications manager at Cianbro. Alan graduated with a degree in broadcast journalism. **Jessica Carter Person** is the periwinkle room teacher at Boxberry School in Oxford. Jes graduated with a degree in art education. **Karen Dodge Tolstrup '06G** has written a book about Mildred "Brownie" Schrupf

'25, which was published by the Maine Folklife Center. Congratulations, Karen!

2004

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Hearty Maine Hello and Happy Holidays! It's certainly been a busy winter for our alumni, and some have been very visible nationally.

Heather Ernest is currently enjoying her fourth year of playing pro basketball in Europe. As a member of the German team *evo New Basket Oberhausen*, Heather has had a very successful season. She was also reunited this past year with a former Black Bear teammate, **Bracey Barker '07**. Bracey and Heather actually combined to be the team's top two scorers this past season. In other sports-related news, **Jeff Guerette (G)** was recently named the head coach of the Westbrook High School football program. Jeff also teaches social studies and coaches freshman basketball at Westbrook.

Cryptologic technician collection third class petty officer **David Burks** was recently transferred overseas to the Naval Information Operations Center in Misawa, Japan. In his previous posting in West Virginia, David was awarded the Joint Meritorious Service Medal for meritorious service and exceptional service and exceptional leadership as a computer systems analyst and trainer.

Wedding bells have been ringing for some of our classmates. **Travis Dalessandro** was married to Jennifer Eells this past October. The bride is a University of Maine Farmington graduate, and she is currently employed as a Title I teacher at Glenburn Elementary School. Travis is currently working for the state of Maine as a social worker. **Jason Dionne** recently tied the knot with Diana McElwain '05, '07G. Diana is employed as a communications and marketing specialist with the Maine Credit Union League in Westbrook. Jason recently graduated from the University of Maine School of Law, and he works at the U.S. Attorney's office in Portland.

I also got word that another wedding is in the works for this upcoming spring. **Matthew Skelton**



Matt Rodrigue '04 and his wife, Carissa, enjoy the UMaine football game during Homecoming 2008 on October 25.

and **Stephanie Chaisson** are engaged to be married this coming March at the Eastland Park Hotel in Portland. Matthew is currently a mechanical design engineer in Windham, and Stephanie is currently working as a graphic designer in Scarborough. The stork is also starting to visit some of our classmates, including **Matthew and Serina Morgan**. This past June, the couple was happy to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, **Callie Marie Morgan**.

The news has been a bit thin lately, so if you have any good stories or updates you'd like to see in the class column just swing me an email. See you in the spring!

2005

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It's a New Year, and here in Alaska we are slowly gaining daylight—and as the sun is rising at 11 a.m. and the temperatures dip well below freezing, I'm reminded of that beginning of spring semester chill that always sets over the University of Maine campus for two to three weeks. I hope no matter where you are, the New Year finds you well and in good spirits.

We have quite a few marriages to share this issue! **Kerry Wahl** married Ben Curtis on June 21 at the Lucerne Inn. She is employed at Bank of America in Belfast. **Denise**

Ricker married Timothy Young on July 12. Denise is employed at Uno's Restaurant in Bangor.

Katherine Hodgkins and Courtney Bunker were married on August 24 at the Alamoosook Lakeside Inn in Orland. Katherine works as a registered nurse at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital. **Jessica Watson** and Matt Nixon '04 were married on August 31 and reside in Rhode Island. Tyra Woodward and **Joseph Payne** were married in August, while **Reed Gustin** and Katherine Roy '06 were married on October 11. Congratulations and best wishes to all!

In career and education news, **Heather Gilmore** graduated from the University of Southern Maine with a master's degree in school counseling this past May. **Kurtis Petersons** was featured in an article about a company he cofounded with a current UMaine student, James Daniels. The company, mCaddie, allows golfers to keep track of their hitting distance, the course layout, and compare scores with others—all on one's cell phone. The program won an award from the University of Southern Maine School of Business!

Andrew McCormick was hired at the Church of Universal Fellowship in Bangor as the senior choir director. **Susan Page Keeley (G)** was elected as the president of the National Science Teachers Association, and will remain in Maine during her term, continuing her position as the senior program director for the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance. **Sarah Wilder** has been hired as the assistant athletic trainer at Felician College, located in Rutherford, New Jersey. Sarah graduated in 2008 from Belmont University

with a master's in sports administration, while working for Vanderbilt University's football team. **Katie Souviney '08G**, who excelled in track and field during her years at UMaine, has joined the coaching staff as an assistant coach. Katie also acquired a master's degree in 2008 from UMaine.

Alicia McLaughlin wrote, "I work for RE/MAX By The Bay in Portland, Maine, as the director of advertising and marketing and I am marrying David Adam Wilson, a PIKE alumnus. He works for Browne Trading Market as the wine buyer and manager. We live in South Portland, and the wedding is set for May 2009."

As you might imagine, living in Alaska during this past presidential election was quite an adventure—and while this is an old joke: No, I cannot see Russia from my house. I also enjoyed reading about local election results in the Lower 48. Congratulations to **Adam Goode** for winning the House District 15 Democratic primary!

Email, regular mail, Facebook, or MySpace—look me up! As always, I am looking forward to hearing from you!

2006

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Happy New Year, Class of 2006! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season.

Congratulations are in order to those who were recently engaged or married! **Nicholas Butler** is engaged to Sara Martin. The couple lives in Exeter, Maine. Nicholas is employed as a soil scientist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Joseph Grabarz and Nikki Richio were recently engaged while on vacation in Aruba. Joseph is employed by IDEXX Laboratories, where he works as an inside sales account manager. A summer 2009 wedding is planned. **Nicholas Parent** is engaged to Rebecca Deschaine '05. Rebecca is currently attending the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, Vermont. Nicholas is employed as a courier for FedEx in Bangor, Maine. Their wedding is planned for September 18, 2010. **Kasey Spencer '07G** and Brett Danforth are engaged and

planning a summer 2009 wedding. High school sweethearts **Shelby Soohy** and Jared Slauenwhite were married on October 11, 2008, in Camden, Maine.

Stephanie Bouchard married Korey Reardon on September 6, 2008. Stephanie is currently pursuing a second bachelor's degree in clinical laboratory sciences. **Caleb Curtis** and Laura Bragdon were married on August 30, 2008. The ceremony was held at Calvary Baptist Church in Brewer, Maine. Caleb is the owner, manager, and A&P mechanic at Curtis Air in Pittsfield. He and Laura met when she visited Caleb's business in search of a plane to rent! **Amy Gallant** (G) and Jonathan Smith '07 were married in Caribou, Maine, on August 23, 2008. The ceremony was held at Holy Rosary Church and the reception was located at the Caribou Inn and Convention Center. **Jonathan Nadeau** married Julie Chasse on July 12, 2008. Jonathan is employed at Sargent Corporation in Stillwater, Maine. **Steven Barter** was married to Mel Burnham in July. Steven works as a K-6 music teacher in Lewiston, Maine.

Several members of our class have career news. **Tony Dumais** '08G is now working as a structural engineer for Casco Bay Engineering. **Jeremy Dumond** '08G has a new job in the audit division at Baker Newman Noyes, CPAs and business consultants, in Portland, Maine. **Mark Ross** joined the Kennebunk Savings Bank Springvale branch as a financial service specialist. **Allison Kanoti** (G) has been working for the Maine Forest Service for two years as a forest entomologist. She received her master's degree in forestry from UMaine. On July 27th, Allison led a walk and talk on forest entomology at Orgonon in Rangeley, Maine. The nature program focused on tree and forest insect and disease identification and biology.

After 15 years as principal at Hall-Dale High School in Farmingdale, Maine, **Stephen MacDougall** (G) has decided to retire. He plans to get some well-deserved rest for a few months, and then pursue another role in education, maybe in consulting. Stephen was known for the relationships he fostered with students at the high school. Stephen received his Certificate of Advanced Study from UMaine.

If you're in the Yarmouth, Maine, area, stop in to Gurley Antiques Gallery, owned and operated by



A group of Alpha Gamma Rho brothers got together for a pre-football tailgate at Homecoming 2008. Standing, left to right are: Mark Schaub '07, Jason Strout '07, Brian Lee '07, Mark Glasberg '06, Jason White '05, Anthony Laura '09, and Matt Cote '07. Kneeling, left to right are: Justin Mattos '09, Ryan Guerrero '08, Keith Peavey '08, and Kurt Knudsen '07.

UMaine alum **Rachel Gurley**. The gallery, located at 189 Main Street, is a quality multi-dealer shop.

Congratulations to **Kurt Rademaker** (G), a UMaine Ph.D. candidate in Quaternary archaeology. Kurt recently received the Kellogg Award for geoarchaeological research from the Society for American Archeology during its annual meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia. **Alicia Jewell** '08G recently received her master of arts degree in speech-language pathology from the University of Maine. She graduated with a 3.9 GPA. While earning her degree, Alicia completed speech placements at the Maine Veterans' Home and Eastern Maine Medical Center. Because of her academic achievement, leadership, and generosity as a department citizen, Alicia earned the award of Outstanding Graduate Student in the department of communication sciences and disorders for 2008. She now works as a speech-language pathologist for Rehab Care at Ross Manor Rehabilitation Facility in Bangor, Maine.

Former members of the UMaine hockey team, **Jimmy Howard** and **Greg Moore**, re-signed with the Detroit Red Wings and the New York Rangers, respectively. Jimmy and Greg were American Hockey League All-Stars last season. Keep an eye out for these two in the NHL!

Angie Pfeleiderer will be taking a break from teaching kindergarten in

Machias, Maine, to pursue an amazing opportunity. She was accepted for Up With People and left in January to travel around the world doing community service. Her group will be on tour for six months and will travel to 25 different cities in the United States, Mexico, and Taiwan.

As always, we'd love to hear updates on your lives! Please keep in touch!

2007

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Happy New Year! Hopefully some of you are enjoying warmer weather than up here in Orono! Even though the New Year brings some of the coldest weather of the year, it also provides resolutions to be kept, and new news from our classmates to share!

There is no better way to start the New Year than with a new job. Classmate **Chris Osgood** was recently hired as a mechanical engineer at Montalvo Corporation in Brunswick, an international specialist in industrial web control systems. Macdonald Page and Company welcomed **Ross C. Burgess** as a

staff accountant in their South Portland office. **Bill Newton** '08G recently was hired at Baker Newman Noyes, CPAs and business consultants in the audit division in Portland. The town of Wayne, Maine, hired **Amy Bernard** (G), who received a master's degree in public administration from UMaine, as their new town manager. Hopefully these classmates will experience success in their new jobs!

A few of our classmates recently joined branches of our nation's armed forces. Navy Seaman **Casey Popp** completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois. Air Force Airman First Class **Kenneth Frati** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. The Air National Guard commissioned **Christopher Rodway** as a second lieutenant after his graduation from the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in Knoxville, Tennessee. Good luck to these three classmates in their military careers!

In the world of sports, the Jacksonville Jaguars of the National Football League drafted former UMaine football player and classmate **Anthony Cotrone** as a free agent. Anthony signed a three-year contract with the Jags and we look forward to keeping track of his success.

Happily, there are a large number of weddings and engagements to announce in this edition! **Matthew Fisher** and Nicole Yeo '08 tied the knot this summer in Bangor. The Lucerne Inn hosted the wedding of **Jessica Richards** to Lucas LaBree in October. Classmate **Kate Armstrong** and Eric Chambers '08 were engaged at the top of Cadillac Mountain last October. They just made their union official with a wintry January 3, 2009, wedding. Congratulations to **Tiffany Ellis** and Jeremy Howard on their January 24th wedding. I am pleased to announce the engagement of my friends **Stephanie Cash** to Chad Stevens. They plan a May 16th wedding. Finally, **Cassedy Groening**, a history teacher at George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill, and Ian Burns '08 plan a summer wedding.

If you have any good news you'd like to share, please send it along! We would love to hear what you've been up to since graduation. I look forward to sharing more news with you this summer.

Investing in the Future

"My research at Reedy Glacier, Antarctica, is providing valuable insights into the stability of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet. Since 2004, I have been privileged to present our findings at three national conferences. I am extremely grateful to the UMaine Alumni Association for the travel grant that made my participation possible."

Gordon Bromley '05G, Ph.D.'09

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Weddings

1957

Franklin Atwater Weston to Stanley Keith Pearce on October 24, 2008, in Palm Springs, California. The couple took a three-week pre-wedding trip to Vietnam and Cambodia. They live in Rancho Mirage, California.

1978

David Fuller to Shirley Hager on August 16, 2008 in Vienna, Maine. They honeymooned in Rangeley and live in Chesterville, Maine.

1985

Jeffrey A. Priest to **Shianne Wheeler '96** on July 12, 2008, in Winthrop, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Las Vegas and live in Old Town, Maine.

1990

Deborah Ingraham to Rafael Lora on May 25, 2008, in Gloucester, Massachusetts. They spent their honeymoon in San Francisco and Napa Valley, California, and reside in Revere, Massachusetts.

1991

Tracy M. Howe to Geoffrey D. Belotte on August 23, 2008, in Sanford, Maine. They honeymooned in Eddington and live in Sanford.

1994

Jodi Lynn Martin to Robert Edward Evenson on April 16, 2008, in Tucson, Arizona. They honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Tucson.

1996

Justin Jamison to **Eliza Currie '00** on October 12, 2008, in Bangor, Maine. They live in Benedicta, Maine.

1997

Sandra Howard to Brent Arsenault on June 21, 2008, in Jackson, New Hampshire. They live in Kansas City, Missouri.

1998

Staci Grant to William Kenney on September 2, 2007, in Lorton, Virginia.

2000

Stephen Nickerson Card to Courtney Jo Andersen on February 16, 2008, in Millcreek Canyon, Utah. They live in Salt Lake City.

Allison Hall to Brian Morrison on June 21, 2008, in South Portland, Maine. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Europe and resides in Burke, Virginia.

2001

Brian MacLeod to Stephanie



Anne Schmidt '04, '06G and **Joshua Schmersal '05** were married on August 2, 2008, in Castine, where they currently live. Anne is the residential coordinator at Maine Maritime Academy and Joshua works for Apple, Inc. in Bangor.

Boucher on May 10, 2008, in Rockland, Maine. They traveled to Italy and reside in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Matthew Gregory Grondin to Jessica Lyn Shumaker on August 30, 2008, at Lily Bay on Moosehead Lake, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Iceland and reside in Boston, Massachusetts.

2002

Christina Ann Garvin to Gary Wayne Freeman, Jr. on May 31, 2008, in Bethel, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in western Maine and live in Wells, Maine.

Jennifer Cameron Coutts to Scott



Matthew Gregory Grondin '01 was married to **Jessica Lyn Shumaker** on August 30, 2008, at Lily Bay on Moosehead Lake. They are living in Boston.

Robert Spencer on September 20, 2008, in Holden, Maine. They live in Carmel.

Joseph Richard John Bourque to **Heather Lynn Gervais '05** on September 6, 2008, in Old Town, Maine. They took a wedding trip to New York and live in Bangor, Maine.

Christopher Harris to **Jennifer Gundersen '03** on August 2, 2008, in Massachusetts.

2003

Ashley L. Lacognata to

They honeymooned in Jamaica and currently live in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Krisjand Rothweiler to Patricia DiLeo on July 12, 2008, in Island Park, New York.

Benjamin Smith to **Kara Elizabeth Holland '05** on April 25, 2008, in Nassau, Bahamas. They honeymooned in Nassau and reside in Bangor, Maine.

Kelly Anne Gilbert to **Adam Norman Lake '05** on August 23, 2008, in Mt. Vernon, Maine. They took a honeymoon trip to Vermont and live in Jay, Maine.

2004

Anne Schmidt to **Joshua Schmersal '05** on August 2, 2008, in Castine, Maine, where they live.

Carolyn Korth to **Jason McCormick '08** on October 25, 2008. They live in Freeport, Maine.



Krisjand Rothweiler '03 and **Patricia DiLeo** were married July 12, 2008, in Island Park, New York. They honeymooned in Cancun and Isla Mujeres, Mexico, and live in Grafenwoehr, Germany. Krisjand is an Army captain who has completed two tours of duty in Iraq.

Daniel C. Allen on September 29, 2007, in Cape Elizabeth. They live in Seabrook, New Hampshire, and are planning a wedding trip to Antigua.

Elizabeth McPheters to Patrick Lemieux on October 6, 2007, in Brewer, Maine. They honeymooned in Jamaica and reside in Orrington, Maine.

Nathan Gustafson to Amanda Severance on June 7, 2008, in Old Town, Maine. They honeymooned in Mexico and reside in Winterport, Maine.

Robert Dow to **Loren Bowley '04** on July 5, 2008, in Hollis, Maine.

Darcy Cote to Robert Hancock on September 13, 2008, in Old Town, Maine.

2005

Brett Bedard to **Alicia Furbush '06** on February 23, 2008, in Hinckley, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Riviera Maya.

John Bartemus to Kathryn Laverdiere on April 26, 2008, by Lake Norman in North Carolina. They spent their honeymoon in the Dominican Republic, and reside in Chesterfield, Missouri.

Jennifer Botka to David Charbonneau on September 27, 2008. They currently live in

Charlestown, Massachusetts.

2006

Katherine E. Collett to Robert J. Weber on June 28, 2008, in Hallowell, Maine. They honeymooned in New Hampshire, and reside in Dexter, Maine.

Courtney Marie Bridges to Edward Andrew McHenry, Jr. on July 12, 2008, on Loon Mountain in Lincoln, New Hampshire. They spent their honeymoon in Hawaii and live in Canton, Massachusetts.

Kimberly S. Roy to Brian P.

Quinn on April 11, 2008, in Biddeford, Maine. They took a Caribbean cruise, spending a week in St. Lucia. They live in Norfolk, Virginia.

Maura Olson to Matthew Lafond '07 on August 16, 2008, in Scarborough, Maine. They traveled to Mexico and reside in Rockland, Maine.

2007

Hannah Leigh Binette to Brian Timothy Hanlon on August 16, 2008, in Orland, Maine. They spent their honeymoon at Acadia National Park, and live in Brewer, Maine.

2008

Jamie Snow to Justin Fournier on June 7, 2008, in Waterville, Maine. They traveled to Jamaica and live in the Bangor area.

Danielle A. Tardiff to Eric M. Young on June 7, 2008, in Brewer, Maine. They spent their honeymoon at Pine Point and live in Austin, Texas.

Shavonne Elizabeth Sargent (G) to Brian Patrick Morin on August 8, 2008, in Candia, New Hampshire.

Tracie Mills-Winkler (G) to Kolby Montooth on July 26, 2008. They live in Old Town, Maine.



A number of alumni gathered for the wedding of Sandra Howard '97, '99G and Brent Arsenault on June 21, 2008, in Jackson, New Hampshire. Left to right are: Ryan Bishop '99, Michelle Girard Bishop '01, Sandi and Brent, Ben MacDonald '02, Dave Kruse, Jane Maranhas Kruse '00, Emily Cain '02, Danny Williams '91, '94G, Ron Sherwin '00G, '04 Ph.D., and Sarah McQuarrie-Sherwin '02G. Sandi and Brent are currently living in Kansas City, Missouri.



Loren Bowley '04 and Robert Dow '03 had lots of fellow UMaine alumni at their wedding on July 5, 2008, in Hollis, Maine. Standing are (left to right): Greg Bajack '04, Danielle Smith '04, Rachel Puopolo '04, Erin Maguire '04, Loren, Daniel Yarumian '08, Rob, Marie-Michele Bouchard '07, Kevin Forgett '06, Ben Wilcox '06, Travers Evans '97, and Johanna Riley Evans '98, '00G. Front row: Paul Hanson '53 and Keith Moore '04. Loren and Rob currently live in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Photo at right:

There were lots of University of Maine alumni at the wedding of Jennifer Gundersen '03 to Christopher Harris '02 on August 2, 2008, in Westford, Massachusetts. Jennifer's father is Robert Gundersen (far left), chair of UMaine's department of biochemistry, microbiology, and molecular biology.

Recently married?

Be sure to email your information and a photo to abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu.



Deaths

Unless otherwise noted, all towns listed are in the state of Maine. The alumni association is not always informed following a graduate's death. Thus some notices may be of deaths that occurred several years ago.

1930

Marion Aline Campbell Newman, 102, of Norwood, Massachusetts, on March 25, 2005.

1931

Phyllis "Phil" Moore Johnson Butler, 94, of Pine Mountain, Georgia, on April 10, 2004.

1932

Robert Louis Bittner, 98, of Shelter Island Heights, New York, on June 28, 2007.

Eleanor George Dow Grimm, 96, of Silver Spring, Maryland, on August 15, 2006.

Stanley Greene Hayter, 98, of Bloomfield, New Jersey, on July 20, 2008.

1933

Helen Margeret Gilman Ferguson, 92, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, on October 23, 1998.

George Sumner Foster, 75, of Melrose, Massachusetts, on January 18, 2006.

1934

Henry Morgan Keyes, 89, of Connecticut, on July 6, 2003.

James Herbert Rice, 92, of Rockland, on April 20, 2005.

Mabel Elizabeth Robinson Watson, 93, of Zephyrhills, Florida, on June 19, 2007.

1935

Walter Lee Emerson, Jr., 95, of Auburn, on October 7, 2008.

Edward Lewis Spalding, 96, of South Harpswell, on September 23, 2008.

Betty Lou Davis Story, 94, of Whitefield, on August 21, 2008.

1936

George Harry Abbott, Jr., 75, of Southbridge, Massachusetts, on March 1, 1989.

Dorothy Virginia Cann Bennett, 94, of Cheshire, Connecticut, on July 28, 2007.

Gerald Gibson Beverage, 94, of Rockland, on September 4, 2008.

Lillian Emma Stone Esty, 94, of Bangor, on August 28, 2008.

Janet Wheeler Spinney, 84, of Ashuelot, New Hampshire, on September 11, 2008.

1937

Jeannette Lamoreau Ela, 87, of Lemon Grove, California, on October 9, 2006.

George Robert Grange, 91, of Sun City Center, Florida, on September 3, 2008.

1938

Russell "Bart" Doe Bartlett, 91, of Davenport, Iowa, on August 19, 2007.

1939

Gwendolyn Marks Hooper Baird, 90, of Brattleboro, Vermont, on July 14, 2008.

Edgar Allan Green, 88, of Framingham, Massachusetts, on March 14, 2007.

1940

Elizabeth Benjamin, 88, of Littleton, Colorado, on September 7, 2008.

Arthur Theodore Cartier, 88, of Huntington Beach, California, on October 18, 2003.

Virginia Lucille Barstow Derby, 89, of Kittery, on September 12, 2008.

Preston Gray, 91, of Hingham, Massachusetts, on April 13, 2008.

Norma Leone Sylvester Heanssler, 89, of Deer Isle, on September 6, 2008.

Pemberton Southard, 90, of Columbia, South Carolina, on October 24, 2008.

1941

Janice Merrill Chase, 88, of Topsham, on August 10, 2008.

George "Dewey" Allan Duplissa, Jr., 84, of Mesa, Arizona, on December 2, 2004.

Philip Sprague Fogg, Jr., 88, of Topsham, on March 22, 2007.

Marian "Champ" Champenois Haslam, 85, of Jackson, Louisiana, on April 12, 2005.

Allan Bragdon Holmes, 88, of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, on August 26, 2008.

1942

Charles "Cincy" Elliott Bouis, 89, of Atlanta, Georgia, on April 5, 2008.

John Allen Bower, 88, of Brewer, on August 31, 2008.

Webster Bills Burr, 88, of Candler, North Carolina, on August 28, 2008.

Harold "Chappy" Eugene Chapman, 84, of Granite Bay, California, on March 6, 2008.

Paul Ehrenfried, 87, of San Carlos, California, on April 18,

2008.

Barbara Louise Perry Hess, 87, of Bangor, on November 14, 2008.

Dana Hammond Nye, 91, of Belgrade, on August 18, 2008.

Thelma Fannie Rainey Paquette, 87, of Hermon, on September 25, 2008.

1943

Cecil Robert Bradstreet, 86, of Albion, on August 16, 2008.

Mary Sherman Carlisle Hilton, 87, of Portland, on September 21, 2008.

Elizabeth Bernice Morgan, 89, of Long Beach, California, on July 11, 2008.

Richard "Sink" Sinkinson, 87, of Industry, on October 18, 2008.

1944

Winfield Tennant Allen, 87, of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, on August 26, 2008.

Eunice Marie Brown Cushing, 86, of Norridgewock, on September 26, 2008.

Barbara "Jonnie" Wing Hopkins Frost, 86, of Bath, on October 20, 2007.

Jean McKinney Harriman, 85, of Kennebunkport, on September 27, 2008.

Marion Gertrude Kilgore

Johnson, 85, of Rumford, on September 13, 2008.

David Barnes Pennell, 87, of New Gloucester, on October 5, 2008.

1945

Marshall Farrington Babb, 82, of Floyd, Virginia, on October 30, 2006.

Barbara "Denny" Ann Dennett, 84, of Hollis, on October 1, 2008.

Jean Marjorie Heald Ireland, 87, of Millbury, Massachusetts, on March 4, 2008.

Madeline "Midge" Hurd Pine, 85, of Browns Mills, New Jersey, on July 22, 2008.

1946

Ralph "Gene" Eugene Emerson, 53, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in April 1977.

Carl Williams MacPhee, 82, of Little River, South Carolina, on May 22, 2007.

Norwood "Woodie" Wendall Olmstead, 87, of South Glens Falls, New York, on February 19, 2005.

Merton Lovell Soule, 84, of Gorham, on September 2, 2008.

William Ronald Tolford, 84, of Falmouth, on October 11, 2008.

1947

Marilyn R. Bowersa Garland, 71, of Toledo, Ohio, on June 11, 1996.

Cecily "Cec" Mary Johnson Griffin, 82, of Manchester, on August 21, 2008.

Ernest Arthur Sherman, 84, of Middlefield, Connecticut, on October 13, 2008.

Pauline Louise Russell

Snowman, 83, of Hampden, on November 7, 2008.

1948

Janice MacDonald Doyle, 68, of Seattle, Washington, on June 4, 1995.

Albert Gray, Jr., 86, of Falmouth, on May 13, 2007.

Barbara Tibbetts Treworgy, 82, of Calais, on September 23, 2008.

Kent Hersey York, 86, of Windham, on April 27, 2008.

1949

Philip Rideout Bickford, 82, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on November 5, 2008.

Robert Joseph Campana, 85, of San Marcos, California, on January 7, 2008.

Paul Stephen Carter, 84, of Kensington, Maryland, on October 2, 2008.

Herschel "Doug" Douglas

Collins, M.D., of Hanover, New Hampshire, on October 14, 2008.

Noel Elwood Craun, Jr., 81, of Metter, Georgia, on June 5, 2007.

Nicholas "Nick" James Cutrules, 81, of Tucson, Arizona, on March 19, 2008.

Doris "Dee" Helen Vollmer Jack, 81, of Lakewood, New Jersey, on February 10, 2008.

Lawrence Stanley Jenness, 84, of Laguna Niguel, California, on August 16, 2008.

Raymond Leo Olmsted, 79, of Quentin, Pennsylvania, on September 19, 2005.

John Joseph Quinn, 82, of Stratham, New Hampshire, on November 16, 2007.

Samuel Schoppe Silsby, Jr., 80, of Augusta, on November 17, 2008.

Norman "Prof" Cabot Walker, 86, of Port Charlotte, Florida, on September 5, 2007.

John Paul Zollo, Jr., 83, of Rumford, on October 19, 2008.

1950

Donald Weston Arey, Jr., 78, of Manhattan, New York, on October 9, 2002.

Charles Aaron Beattie, 84, of

Sanford, on August 6, 2008.

Eugene Cole, Jr., 83, of South Portland, on September 12, 2008.

Donald Edward Collins, 79, of St. Louis, Missouri, on September 5, 2002.

Maurice Linwood Fenderson, 82, of Scarborough, on September 6, 2008.

Norris Melvin Follett, 61, of Louisville, Kentucky, in September 1986.

Wallace Soule Groves, 84, of Brunswick, on September 13, 2008.

Alfred Lawrence Harrington, 81, of East Boothbay, on April 16, 2008.

John Maurice Lane, Jr., 88, of Bangor, on November 2, 2008.

Lawrence Lionel Langlais, 64, of Lake Worth City, Florida, on December 23, 1990.

Verna Guimond Langlais, 85, of Owego, New York, on August 4, 2007.

Robert Alfred Lincoln, 83, of Eliot, on August 26, 2008.

Elsie Mae MacDonald Morency, 80, of Gorham, on August 23, 2008.

Everett Levi Murchison, 84, of Lincoln, on September 17, 2008.

Robert Irving Olmsted, 73, of Asheville, North Carolina, on November 30, 1996.

Willis Mansur Robinson, 87, of Lewiston, on August 19, 2008.

Hollis Neil Soule, 80, of Littleton, Massachusetts, on March 22, 2008.

Ralph Willard Thompson, 80, of New Bern, North Carolina, on July 13, 2008.

Myron Warren Zimmerman, 89, of Brunswick, on August 2, 2008.

1951

Norman Lester Babb, 74, of Bellville, Texas, on December 11, 2004.

Walter Douglas Batchelder, 78, of Dorchester, Massachusetts, on December 19, 2006.

Joseph Adrien Roger Bernard, 74, of Conyers, Georgia, on October 28, 2000.

Frank Caswell Craig, 77, of Livonia, Michigan, on December 17, 2006.

Harry Clinton Cummings, 83, of Bethel, Connecticut, on October 6, 2008.

Hugh Martin Curtis, 82, of Brunswick, on October 31, 2008.

Roger Adrien Cyr, 82, of Wabasha, Minnesota, on October 13, 2008.

Freeland Maurice Durrell, 83, of Casco, on April 12, 2008.

Carolyn Gerrish Dweley, 71, of Falmouth, on May 1, 2002.

Leon Francis Fish, 67, of Lawrence, Massachusetts, in July 1987.

Gordon Francis Guest, 82, of Scarborough, on July 31, 2008.

Joseph Carmen Iagallo, 86, of Marlborough, Massachusetts, on June 19, 2008.

John Kurlovich, 88, of Westland, Michigan, on August 25, 2007.

George Chester Miles, 85, from Punta Gorda, Florida, on June 13, 2007.

Rudolph Patrick Nadeau, 79, of Millinocket, on August 27, 2008.

Ralph Hudson Niles, 73, of Naples, Florida, on March 4, 2003.

Kelson "Curly" Charles Seward, 85, of Ocala, Florida, on August 19, 2008.

1952

Robert Clyde Booker, 77, of Midlothian, Virginia, on April 1, 2008.

Alfred "Bud" Philbrook Condon, Jr., 88, of Sun City Center, Florida, on September 9, 2008.

Richard Merton Foster, 59, of Manhattan, New York, on November 13, 1989.

Dwight "Dwidgit" David Frye, 72, of New York City, New York, on March 27, 2003.

William Parker Keene, 86, of Belfast, on August 8, 2008.

Charles Dow Morgan, Jr., 70, of Baltimore, Maryland, on May 24, 2002.

Robert LeRoy Pike, 77, of Cornish, on October 11, 2008.

Doris Elaine Todd, 78, of Zephyrhills, Florida, on October 10, 2008.

1953

John "Bick" James Bickford, 79, of Yuma, Arizona, on May 8, 2006.

Everett Leroy Caton, 76, of Farmington, on November 19, 2003.

Duncan Stuart Pearson, 77, of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, on August 8, 2008.

Kenneth "Sparkie" Calvin Sparks, 79, of Gardiner, on November 3, 2008.

Garry Richard Spencer, 76, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, on May

31, 2008.

Vaughn Twaddell, 79, of Gorham, on November 10, 2008.

Merlon Elmer Wiggin, 78, of Greenport, New York, on October 8, 2008.

1954

Larry Lyle Bachman, 70, of Nile, Illinois, on June 18, 2002.

Benjamin Anthony Caci, 76, of Hampton, New Hampshire, on October 11, 2008.

George "Chessy" Francis Gardin, 76, of Bel Air, Maryland, on July 30, 2004.

John Joseph George, 80, of Virginia, on February 3, 2008.

Barbara "Bucky" Katherine Buck Grover, 76, of Boothbay Harbor, on October 12, 2008.

Margaret Elsa Diehl Klass, 70, of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, on October 31, 2003.

Ann Marie O'Mara McAvoy, 75, of East Millinocket, on September 19, 2008.

Arnold Richard Stinchfield, 85, of Lisbon, on January 31, 2006.

1955

Clinton Arthur Conant, 75, of Auburn, on September 12, 2008.

Robert Edward Cormier, 74, of Pennsylvania, on July 15, 2003.

John Watkins Daly, 74, of Waitsfield, Vermont, on March 9, 1998.

John Albert Flueck, 70, of Las Vegas, Nevada, on September 25, 2003.

David Lee MacDonald, 78, of Lamoine, on September 17, 2008.

Nancy Carolyn Young West, 71, of Southport, North Carolina, on July 6, 2006.

1956

Earl Edwin Gardiner, 74, of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, on October 3, 2008.

Richard Spencer Ladner, 77, of Lewiston, on September 20, 2008.

Albert Dewey Richards, 81, of Ellsworth, on August 10, 2008.

Osborne "Ozzie" Philip Tinker, 74, of Bar Harbor, on August 8, 2008.

1957

Sidney Paul Bartlett, 74, of Locke Mills, on October 2, 2008.

Thomas Joseph Clavette, 78, of New Canada, on September 30, 2008.

Richard Arnold Plummer, 74, of Scarborough, on November 18, 2008.

1958

Paul "At" Burnham Atwood, 72, of Dolton, Illinois, on January 17, 2008.

Winnifred "Freddy" Rines

Crocker, 87, of Dexter, on September 20, 2008.

Christine Farrar, 91, of Danvers, Massachusetts, on August 21, 2008.

1959

David Shelomo Alkalay, 75, of Ardsley, New York, on April 25, 2004.

Joyce-marie Crockett

Ashmanskas, 71, of Beaverton, Oregon, on August 26, 2008.

Carlyn "Carlie" A. Smith Bisco, 70, of Yarmouth, on April 28, 2008.

Germaine Sewall Bonney, 82, of Rockland, on August 26, 2008.

Joyce Mary Pagurko Brown, 70, of Harpswell, on August 26, 2008.

Harold Octave Buzzell, 75, of Waterville, on March 7, 2007.

John Arthur Dietrich, 56, of Rochester, Michigan, on November 7, 1988.

John David Gilbert, 66, of Chitina, Alaska, on June 18, 2004.

Robert Gordon Libby, 79, of Hurley, Mississippi, on May 4, 2008.

Peter Durham Pingree, 72, of Andover, Massachusetts, on July 7, 2008.

Murray Elwood Shaw, 76, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on July 23, 2008.

1960

Ronald Vernard Baker, 76, of Newbury, Massachusetts, on October 16, 2008.

Damon Edward Carter, 46, of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, in November 1980.

Everett Mark Skehan, 73, of Baileyville, on May 1, 2006.

Edith Virgie Wright, 90, of Buxton, on October 7, 2008.

1961

Murray Raymond Billington, 74, of Barrington, New Hampshire, on August 24, 2008.

Clyde Philip Chute, 69, of Portland, on September 14, 2008.

Barbara Welch Ellis, 90, of St. Petersburg, Florida, on October 12, 2008.

Rose Marion Flanders, 77, of Auburn, on December 7, 1986.

Michael George Fremont, 65, of New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, on February 9, 2006.

Deaths

Rodney Charles Gilmore, 71, of Belfast, on July 25, 2002.

Michael Herron, 69, of Rockland, on September 1, 2008.

Judith Elaine Wilkinson Morgan, 68, of Sebastian, Florida, on September 1, 2008.

Dana Woodford Sylvester, 69, of Ashland, on September 18, 2008.

1962
Helen Lord Gallagher, 94, of Oakland, on September 27, 2008.

Reginald Joseph Gagnon, 74, of Walpole, Massachusetts, on October 11, 2008.

Suzanne Christina Koch Gagnon, 66, of Walpole, Massachusetts, on May 27, 2007.

Francis "FX" Xavier Goodwin, 78, of Castine, on October 25, 2008.

Ruby Gardner Hewitt, 75, of Austin, Texas, on April 5, 2006.

Helen Abbie Small Hinckley, 96, of Gray, on August 9, 2008.

Walter Chriss Kimmich, 70, of Sparks, Nevada, on June 27, 2007.

Winston Lee Nickerson, 69, of Gardiner, on October 30, 2008.

1963

Richard Brian Bonnett, 69, of Proctorville, Ohio, on July 14, 2008.

Robert Anthony King, 75, of Lowville, New York, on October 13, 2008.

Irma Strang Penney, 96, of Brewer, on August 8, 2008.

1964

Robert Martin August, 65, of Whately, Massachusetts, on April 14, 2008.

Helen Mentcher Braunstein, 79, of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, on June 17, 2004.

Jonathan Weeks Handy, 66, of Spokane, Washington, on October 15, 2007.

Robert Wesley Martin, 66, of Longview, Texas, on October 6, 2008.

Norman Henry Perrault, 67, of Wells, on July 11, 2008.

Berton Eugene Sands, 66, of Woodland, on October 25, 2008.

Peter Joseph Stanzilis, 68, of Marietta, Georgia, on February 7, 2008.

1965

Sally Ann Howe Edwards, 65, of Agawam, Massachusetts, on November 13, 2008.

1966

John William Clarke, 64, of North Attleboro, Massachusetts, on September 28, 2008.

Leo James Davenport, Jr., 42, of North Miami, Florida, in August 1986.

Susan Cornelius Gallagher, 92, of East Burke, Vermont, on September 10, 2007.

1967

Judith Pauline Dougherty Black, 61, of Kennebunk, on September 5, 2008.

Myrna Ernestine Libby, 62, of Sutton, Massachusetts, on October 9, 2008.

1968

Richard Floyd Derrah, 59, of Herndon, Virginia, on July 3, 2004.

Martha Mary Lozier, 85, of Millinocket, on September 25, 2008.

Eleanor Tower Norris, 87, of Lamoine, on September 3, 2008.

Ella Mae Ann Tall, 62, of Foxboro, Massachusetts, on September 24, 2008.

1969

Kenneth Raymond Tardy, 61, of Newport, on October 8, 2008.

1970

Janice Irene Ayer, 72, of Portland, on September 14, 2008.

Scott "The Bopper" Timothy Doten, 59, of Cincinnati, Ohio, on June 14, 2007.

Henry Irving Marsh, 85, of Corinth, on October 16, 2008.

1971

Barbara Eccles Eggert, 87, of Verona, on August 18, 2008.

Wayne Chester LaBelle, Jr., 57, of Brookfield, Wisconsin, on April 5, 2007.

1972

Cary MacDonald Comer, 59, of Glenburn, on October 28, 2008.

Pauline H. Gillen Gartley, 89, of Presque Isle, on October 2, 2008.

1974

James Allan Brown, 57, of Dover-Foxcroft, on November 8, 2008.

1975

Thomas Charles Nurmi, 55, of Otisfield, on August 23, 2008.

Paul F. Olson, 76, of Waterville, on September 25, 2008.

1976

Gary James Kasperek, 60, of Winterport, on September 23, 2008.

1977

Donald F. Buck, Jr., 66, of Portland, Oregon, on October 1, 2000.

Wayne Hager Bunting, 61, of Florence Township, New Jersey, on August 27, 2008.

Rebecca Maude Bowen Dakin, 84, of Belfast, on November 9, 2008.

William Allen Hanscom, 62, of Belfast, on August 14, 2008.

1978

William Willis McElravy, 72, of Searsport, on September 22, 2008.

Gregory Harold Sweatt, 52, of Lee, New Hampshire, on August 26, 2008.

1979

Richard P. Laskowsky, 50, of Plaistow, New Hampshire, on June 22, 2006.

1982

Terry Stillman Bradish, 48, of Wells, on September 26, 2008.

Carolyn Ann McConnell, 70, of Lubec, on August 12, 2008.

1983

Edward Scott Brennison, 53, of New Gloucester, on October 28, 2008.

Jean Ann Lozier Wilbur, 59, of Fort Kent, on October 9, 2008.

1985

Daryl Pearsall Killip, 46, of Hudson, New Hampshire, on December 9, 2007.

1986

Dennis Herbert Allen, 54, of Dover-Foxcroft, on September 30, 2008.

1988

Frederick R. Ackley, Jr., 71, of East Monmouth, on August 12, 2008.

Rose Marie Kocur Smart, 49, of Lee, on November 16, 2008.

1992

Almon F. Jordan, Jr., 64, of Auburn, on December 20, 2007.

1994

Edmund "Taz" James Szalajeski, 38, of Portland, on November 13, 2008.

2005

Mark Lincoln Seiler, 28, of Bangor, on November 21, 2005.

2007

Yvonne Lynn Porter, 42, of Newport, on October 11, 2008.

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On your mark, get set, then come to our 50th Reunion



We're going to have a ball — literally and figuratively. Here are some of the events: 50th Golden Reunion Celebration Dinner; reception at the President's House; Special Campus Tours and Walks; Campus and Deans' Open Houses; Memorial Service honoring departed classmates; Senior Alumni Luncheon where we present our gift and are officially inducted as Senior Alumni members; and an All-Alumni Buffet Breakfast and Awards

Ceremony. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy these events with old friends. Watch for your copy of the final schedule of events.

On the Road to Orono

19 New INTEND TO ATTENDs!

Charles (Chuck) Abbott, Carleine Shibles Bishop, Larry Blanchard, Helen (Duckie) Inman Boomer, Merrill Ann Warren Clukey, Lester DeCoster, Paul Hanson, David Marshall, Judy Ward Marshall, Carol Anderson, Larry McKay, Martha Campbell Murphy, Dr. Niles Nelson, Dorothy Foster O'Donoghue, Ken Perrone, Rudy Stoczek, Mary Coffin Sturtevant, Bob Sylvain, and Judith Webster Underkofler. *Let us know if you plan to be with us. Send a note to Dr. Norinne Hilchey Daly, 19 Annbar Drive, Old Town, ME 04468-2150 or e-mail her at nonni28@roadrunner.com.*

Who would you like to see? Renewing friendships and reminiscing about the good times on campus (and off-campus, like at Pat's) is what reunions are all about.

We have an ambitious attendance goal of 250, about 30% of the class. Call or drop a note to a classmate and encourage him or her to join you in May.

Bar Harbor Pre-Reunion Outing is set for May 27 and 28. **Evie Stevens Smith** and her team members, **Duckie Inman Boomer** and **Anne Christensen Sleeper**, have been working diligently on the arrangements and activities. They include lodging at the Bar Harbor Inn and Spa, a tour of the "Loop" around Acadia National Park, lunch at the Jordan Pond House, and a traditional Maine Lobster Bake. For more information or to let Evie know you plan to attend, contact her by phone (207-356-1811) or e-mail her at eviesmith3@roadrunner.com.

For up-to-date news about our 50th Reunion, visit www.mainealumni.org/classpages/1959.htm.




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The Artist




By the time we arrived on campus in 1955, Prof. Vincent Hartgen was already a legendary figure... enthusiastic teacher, prolific painter, art advocate, and founder of the University of Maine Museum of Art.

BEAR TRACKS

 **Carleine Shibles Bishop** writes to say she would like to see her old friends from The Elms. Any Elms alums out there who plan to attend the 50th?

 **The Hal Wheeler Band** with popular vocalist Diane Linscott '60 will provide music for the class dinner. Hal is busy researching the most popular songs from the 1956-1959 era. Any requests?

 **Your Class Gift Committee** Dick Collins, Torrey Sylvester, Will Farnham expresses a "hearty thank you" to everyone who has donated to date.

50TH REUNION COMMITTEE

Dick Collins, President; Will Farnham, Co-Vice President; Torrey Sylvester, Co-Vice President & Class Agent; Paul Desmond, Treasurer and Reunion Chair; Nancy Roberts Munson, Class Correspondent; Don Cookson, Joe Cuccaro, Nonni Hilchey Daly, Lee Gagnon, Pete Hannah, and Evie Stevens Smith, Executive Committee.

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